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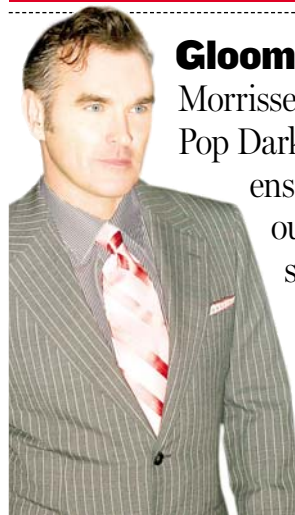
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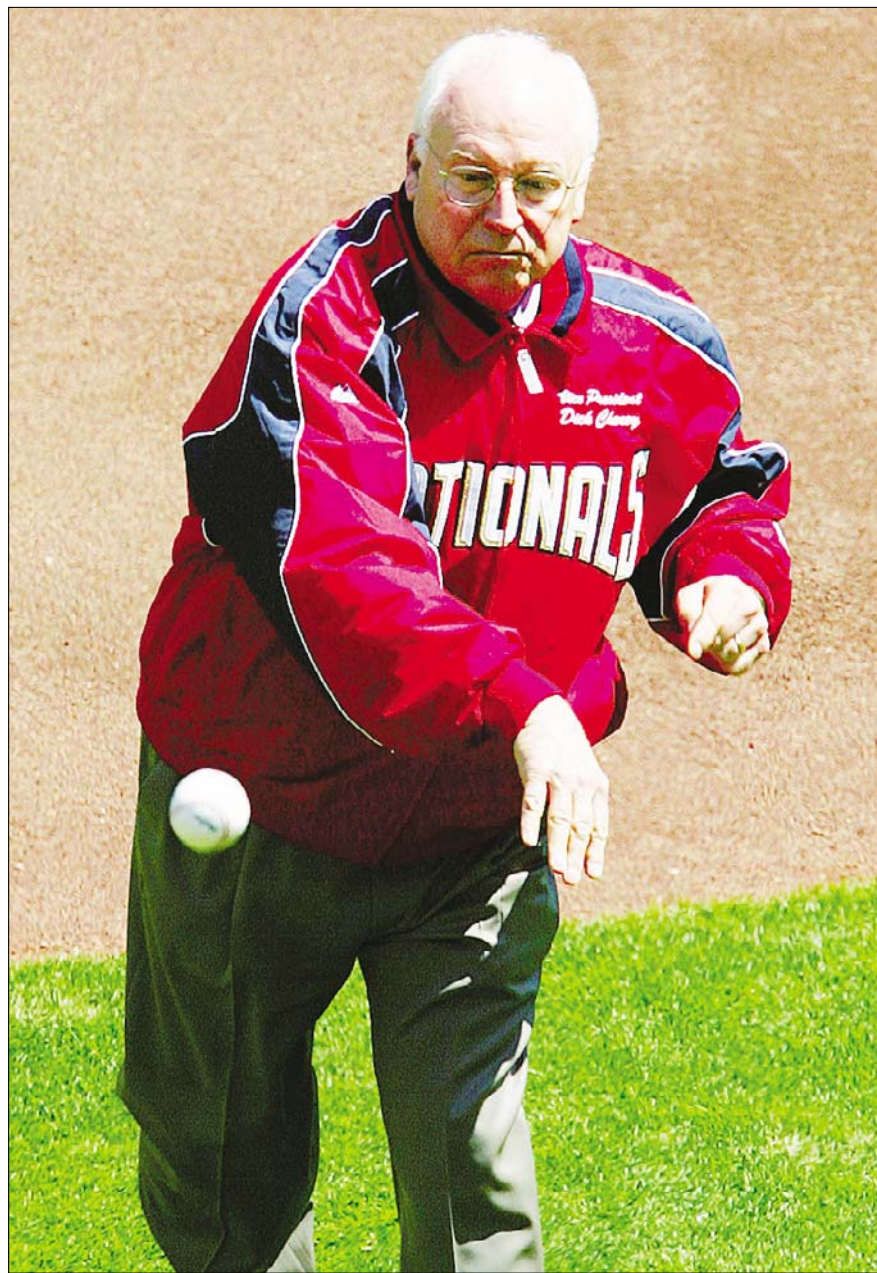
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Cheney, Nats Come Up Short

IMPERFECT PITCH: Vice President Dick Cheney throws out the ceremonial first pitch Tuesday at the Nationals' home opener. The toss, which fell short of home plate, kicked off a game that failed to measure up to last year's home opener—a rousing 5-3 win over the Diamondbacks before a sell-out crowd. With many seats empty, the Nats fell 7-1 to the Mets. ❖ **Booed:** Crowd lets VP have it | **Page 11**

Iran Now Enriching Uranium

Achievement marks critical advance in nuclear program

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran's hard-line president said Tuesday that the country "has joined the club of nuclear countries" by successfully enriching uranium for the first time — a key process in what Iran maintains is a peaceful energy program.

The announcement from President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was certain to heighten international tensions surrounding Iran's nuclear program. The U.N. Security Council has demanded that Iran stop all enrichment by April 28 because of suspicions the program is designed to make nuclear weapons.



Ahmadinejad

During a nationally televised ceremony clearly aimed at drumming up popular support for the nuclear program, Ahmadinejad warned the West that trying to force it to abandon uranium enrichment would “cause an everlasting hatred in the hearts of Iranians.”

The head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, was heading to Iran on Wednesday for talks aimed at resolving the standoff. The timing of the announcement suggested Iran wanted to present him with a *fait accompli* and argue that it cannot be expected to entirely give up a program that is showing progress.

The White House, which is pressing for U.N. sanctions against Iran, said the enrichment claims “show that Iran is moving in the wrong direction.” ALI AKBAR DAREINI (AP)

PROGRAMMING | Sin-cinnati, Ohio A Cincinnati cable channel aired almost a half-hour of hardcore porn on Saturday after screeners failed to check the entire footage of a go-kart racing program, WLWT-TV reported. The go-kart show



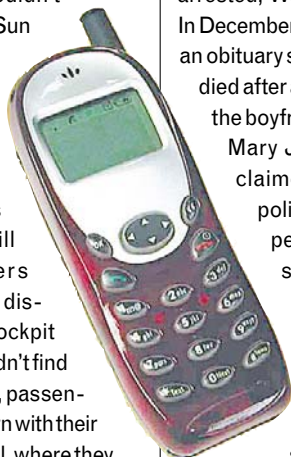
was screened for the length of the time it was scheduled to run, Adelphia Cable said, but when the programming ran longer than originally planned, it segued into more than 20 minutes of uncensored hard-core porn. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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MISPLACING

This Is Your Captain: Please Call My Phone

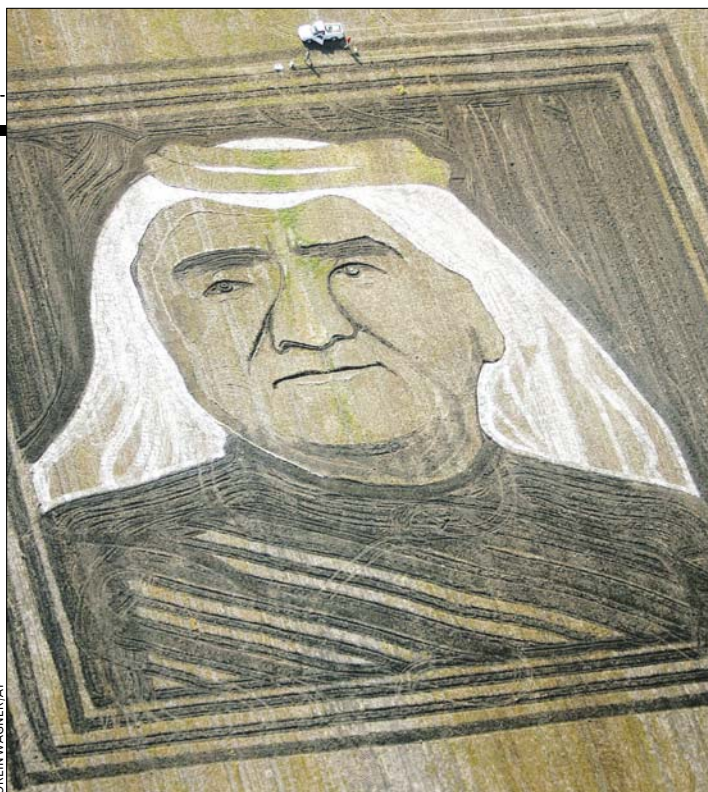
Passengers on a plane in Doncaster, England, had their flight delayed for hours after the pilot couldn't find his cell phone, the Sun reported. The plane had been boarded and was ready for take-off when the captain realized he had misplaced his phone, which was still turned on. Engineers were then called; they dismantled parts of the cockpit in their search but couldn't find it, either. After an hour, passengers were asked to return with their baggage to the terminal, where they waited until a replacement aircraft could be found. The airline, Thomsonfly, has since apologized. (EXPRESS)



FABRICATIONS

They'll Have Plenty Of Time Off Now

Two people who conspired to get off of work by filing a fake obituary were arrested, Waterloo, Iowa, police said. In December, James Ralph Snyder filed an obituary saying Daniel Reddout had died after a lengthy illness. Snyder is the boyfriend of Reddout's mother, Mary Jo Elizabeth Jensen, but claimed to be the boy's father police said. Later in the week, people who know the family saw the teenager at a restaurant and called authorities, police said. Snyder and Jensen started taking time off of work in December saying her son was sick and in a hospital, police said. Work officials were then told the teenager was on life support and eventually had died. (AP)



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

PORTRAITS

Face of The Earth

When he grows a beard, he really grows a beard. A two-acre portrait of Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al-Maktoum of the United Arab Emirates was finished in a Lawrence, Kan., field Monday. The artwork — created by Stan Herd — was made by manipulating soybean stubble and plowed earth with the addition of crushed limestone, wood chips and sunflower seeds. Herd's earthwork projects have been created in California, New York, England, Cuba and Australia. (EXPRESS)

EASTER

Blissful Peal of Bells Is Worth Any Risk

Kisserup, Denmark, almost planned to go without church bells on Easter

after occupational-health officials said a church belfry was not safe enough for the bell-ringer, the Copenhagen Post reported. Authorities determined the belfry was too small and that the stairway to it too narrow. Inspectors told

the church to install an electric ring-er, but the church said it doesn't have the money to do so. However, the ban only applies to church employees, so a vicar from another church will ring the bells. (EXPRESS)

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"I understand the caricature that exists, but when people have a chance to meet me firsthand, they are excited."

—Rep. Katherine Harris, who is running for a Florida Senate seat, on her vilified public persona.



Nation

In Brief

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Sailors Charged in Marriage-For-Citizenship Scheme

Eight sailors were charged Tuesday with arranging sham marriages to Polish and Romanian women in a scheme to help the women obtain U.S. citizenship and collect bigger military housing allowances for themselves. An investigation by Naval Criminal Investigative Service and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement found that none of the women lived with the sailors they married. In all, the eight sailors received \$35,000 in fraudulent payments. (AP)

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Yale Student Body President Ballot Cited for Violations

Yale University, where presidential hopefuls have been groomed for generations, held an election for student body president Tuesday in which all five candidates were cited for campaign violations. The candidates were punished for breaking regulations that limit how and when they campaign. One improperly sent a mass e-mail, while another put up a Web site too early. Others violated advertising rules. (AP)

Estrogen and Cancer

→ Taking estrogen alone does not increase the risk of breast cancer in menopausal women, according to a federal study of more than 10,000 women. | **Today, A Section**

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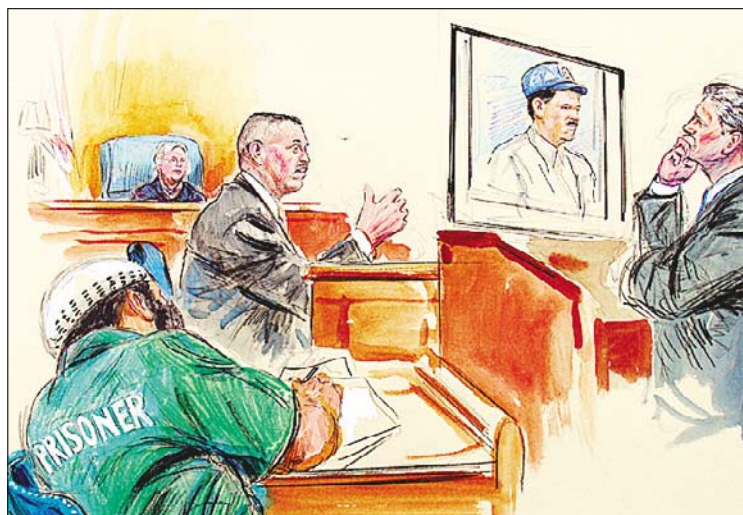
Moussaoui Jury Shown 9/11 Photos

Prosecutors present gruesome images of victims at Pentagon

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | Jurors weighing the fate of Sept. 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui were shown gruesome photographs Tuesday of bodies burned inside the Pentagon.

Despite Judge Leonie Brinkema's warning on Monday that too much highly emotional evidence could imperil a death sentence on appeal, prosecutors showed the most gut-wrenching evidence yet in a trial studded with horrific images. The images came from the mammoth military headquarters just a few miles from the courtroom.

In the third day of testimony from relatives of 9/11 victims, the jurors showed little emotion. One man dis-



TESTIMONIAL: Attorney Robert Spencer, right, questions New York City firefighter Juan Rivero, center, at Zacarias Moussaoui trial in Alexandria, Va., on Tuesday.

creetly wiped his face with a tissue; on earlier days as many as six of the 17 jurors and alternates did so.

After a three-minute bench con-

ference to argue with the defense over what could be shown, prosecutors displayed photos of a charred body on a blue stretcher, another

charred body sitting upright inside a wrecked Pentagon office, several charred bodies piled together inside another destroyed office and a small torso covered with ash on a blue stretcher. The mostly intact bodies had barely discernible facial features.

Moments later with judge and jury gone, Moussaoui shouted to spectators as he was led out: "Burn all Pentagon next time."

Moussaoui pleaded guilty last year to conspiring with al Qaeda to fly planes into U.S. buildings. A week ago, the jurors ruled him eligible for the death penalty. They decided that lies he told federal agents a month before the attacks led directly to at least one death that day by keeping agents from stopping some of the hijackers. Now they must decide whether he deserves execution or life in prison. MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN (AP)

D12 Rapper Killed in Club Shooting

DETROIT | One of Eminem's closest friends was killed early Tuesday in a seedy nightclub along the road made famous by the rap superstar.

Proof, a member of the rap group D12, was hit by gunfire at the CCC club on Eight Mile, the dividing line between Detroit and its northern suburbs. Police said he and another man were shot in the head. The other man was critically injured.

Officers responding to 911 calls found the bar empty when they arrived, and police said the victims

were taken to hospitals.

Proof, whose real name is



Holton

Deshaun Holton, was dead on arrival at St. John Conner Creek, an outpatient treatment facility that used to be a hospital. She said detectives don't know what Proof was doing at the bar, which was operating outside of its licensed hours. (AP)

Abramoff E-Mails Show Leverage

WASHINGTON | A Republican Party official and Jack Abramoff's lobbying team bluntly discussed using large political donations as a way to pressure lawmakers into securing federal money for a tribal client, according to e-mails gathered by prosecutors.

The e-mails detail how Abramoff's team worked to leverage assistance from the White House, Congress and the GOP to get a reluctant federal agency and

a single Republican congressional aide to stop blocking money for the Saginaw Chippewa tribe.

Abramoff's team ultimately prevailed when the congressional aide was overruled, several lawmakers pressured an Interior Department agency and Congress itself set aside the money for the tribe. Lawmakers who helped got thousands of dollars in donations from Abramoff's team.

Federal bribery law prohibits public officials from taking actions because of gifts or political donations and bars lobbyists. (AP)

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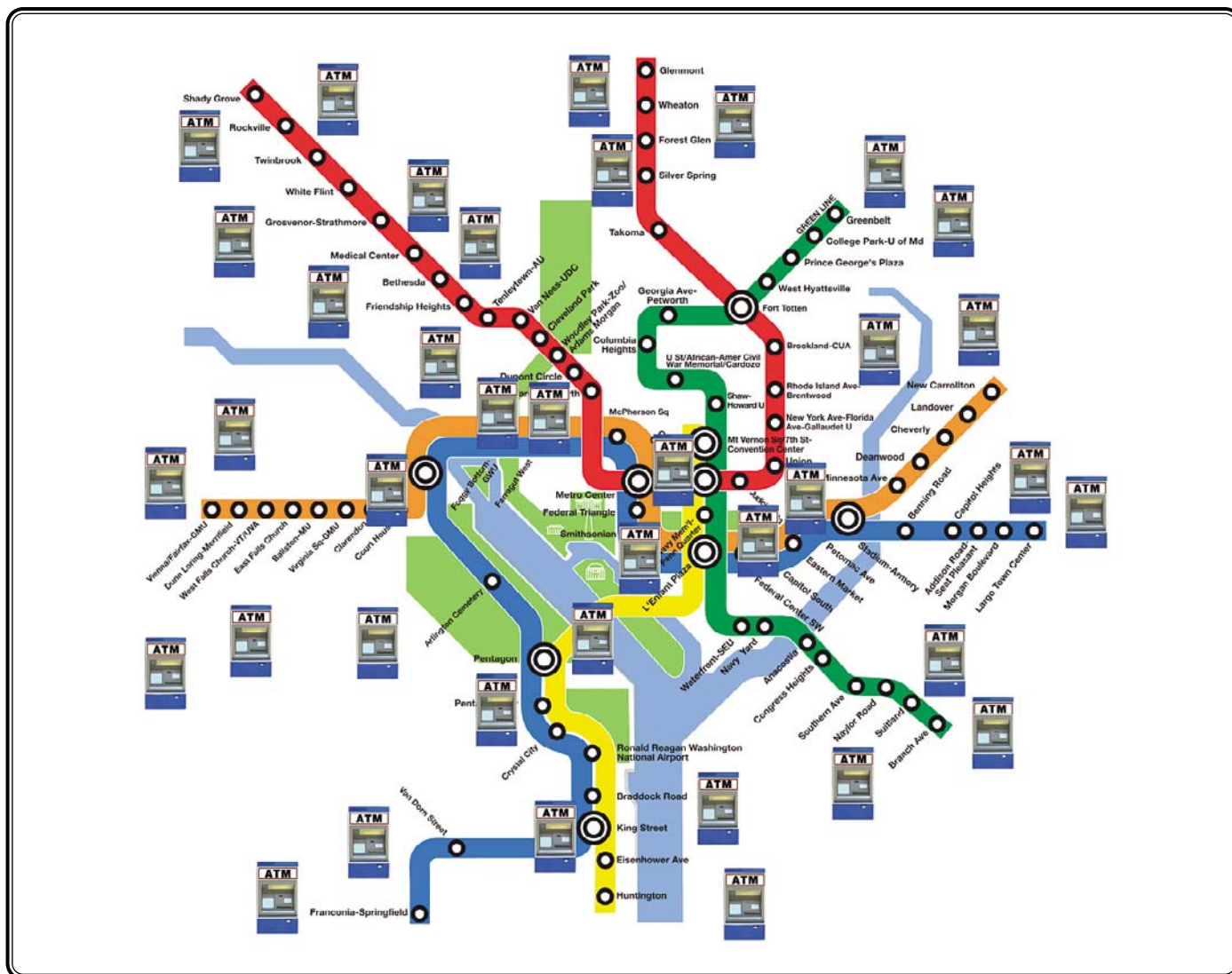
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The number of candidates who faced off on Tuesday in a special election for the California congressional seat once held by Randy "Duke" Cunningham, now in prison for bribery.

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Gas Prices Poised to Rise

Motorists should expect to shell out \$3 a gallon this summer

WASHINGTON | Gasoline prices are surging again with summer on the horizon, pushing or even passing \$3 a gallon in some places.

Drivers aren't expected to ease off on their mileage, sending demand higher than last year. But they are grumbling.

The Energy Department says it expects the price of regular to average \$2.62 a gallon, 25 cents more than last summer, over the April-September driving period. But prices around the country already are above that.

Guy Caruso, head of the Energy Department's statistical agency, said prices at the pump, which averaged \$2.68 a gallon last week nationwide, are likely to increase 10 to 15 cents a gallon in the coming weeks, peak in May and drop off in late summer. He said the national average can mask local price spikes.



GAS GOUGE: Denise Dube fills her truck at a Union 76 station on Tuesday in San Francisco. Gas prices are expected to rise nationwide in the coming months.

"We assume normal weather," added Caruso, head of the Energy Information Administration. If a hurricane or a refinery outage causes supply problems, or if crude oil takes a major jump, prices will be higher yet.

Crude oil climbed above \$69 a barrel Tuesday to the highest level this year before easing back.

But Caruso said motorists are not expected to cut back on their summer driving — a view mirrored by AAA, formerly the American Automobile Association, which also predicts a busy summer travel season.

In fact, motorists are expected to use 1.5 percent more gasoline than last summer. H. JOSEF HEBERT

Entwistle Denies Killing Wife, Infant Daughter

Prosecutors release new details of Briton's troubled marriage

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. | A British man accused of killing his wife and infant daughter in their Massachusetts home and then fleeing the country pleaded not guilty Tuesday to murder.

Neil Entwistle, 27, is charged with two counts of murder and firearms charges in the Jan. 20 slayings of his wife, Rachel, 27, and their daughter, Lillian Rose, who would have turned 1 on Sunday.

Prosecutors also released new details Tuesday about troubles in the Entwistles' marriage and inconsistencies in stories that Neil Entwistle told about the killings.

According to documents filed by prosecutors, Entwistle's com-



Neil Entwistle listens to court testimony in Cambridge, Mass., on Tuesday.

puter records showed an exchange of e-mails with a woman he found through a Web site called "Adult Friend Finder."

Prosecutors have said Entwistle shot his wife and daughter after racking up tens of thousands of dollars in debts that his wife apparently didn't know about. DENISE LAVOIE (AP)

Woman Pleads Guilty in Deadly Attack on Child

BOSTON | A woman pleaded guilty Tuesday to murder and was sentenced to life in prison for slitting the throat of her friend's baby in retaliation for being kicked out of her apartment.

Natalie Rodriguez, 23, blamed her "dysfunctional ways of living" for the drunken rage that led her to snatch 9-month-old Xavier Antonio Miranda from his crib and kill him in a snowbank.

Rodriguez will have to serve 26 more years in prison for the 2002 slaying before becoming eligible for parole.

One month before the slaying, Rodriguez and her then-4-year-old son moved in with Giselle Miranda. But Rodriguez was belligerent and did not pay rent, and the Miranda family told her to move out. Her deadline was the day she killed the baby. (AP)



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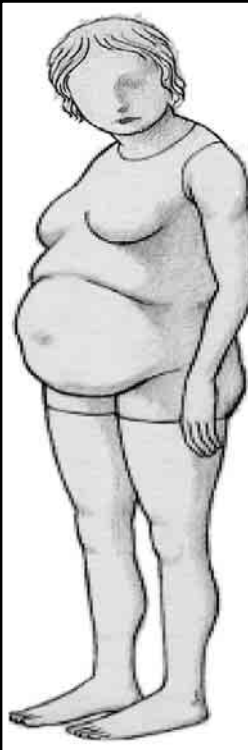
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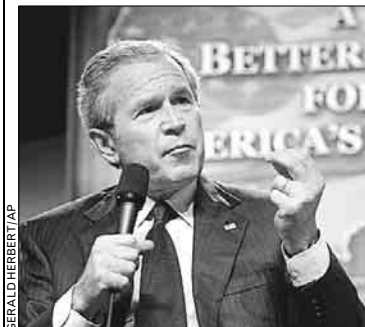
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President Bush discusses Medicare's prescription drug benefit on Tuesday.

Bush Touts Medicare Drug Plan

President encourages seniors to enroll in prescription program

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. | President Bush, trying to rouse public interest in the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, urged seniors in the Midwest on Tuesday to sign up for the program before the May 15 deadline.

"I'm just telling you it's a good deal," he said.

Bush's visits with seniors in Missouri and Iowa are part of the administration's grass-roots effort to ramp up enrollment in the program, which suffered startup problems and continues to be criticized as too confusing.

Mark McClellan, Bush's chief Medicare official who traveled with him on the trip, said more than 29 million seniors have enrolled so far. That number, however, includes at least 20 million people who were automatically enrolled because of their participation in other government programs, such as Medicaid, or are getting drug coverage through their former employer. McClellan said seniors are signing up at a rate of about 400,000 each week.

Democrats opposed to the program claim the plan was written by lobbyists and will cost nearly double what the president first claimed — \$700 billion during the next decade compared with early estimates of \$400 billion over 10 years.

DEB RIECHMANN (AP)

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TOP PRUNE: The humble prune is destined for fame as one of the secret weapons of World War II. A London auction house is selling two grizzled prunes that it says were destined to be stuffed with maps or other documents and smuggled to prisoners of war.

World

In Brief



LUCA BRUNO/AP

Reputed top mafia boss Bernardo Provenzano is led by police in Palermo.

PALERMO, SICILY **Mafia Boss Caught After Decades Spent on the Lam**

Italy's reputed No. 1 Mafia boss, Bernardo Provenzano, who had been on the run since 1963, was captured without resistance Tuesday at a farmhouse near Corleone, Sicily, a Cosa Nostra power base, police said. Asked how investigators finally found him, Italy's National Anti-Mafia Prosecutor Piero Grasso said that police kept tabs on a package of clean laundry that left from Corleone, the fugitive's hometown and was delivered to the nondescript farmhouse. (AP)

RAMALLAH, WEST BANK **Hamas Seeking Protests In Arab World Over Funding**

Fed up with unmet promises of aid, the Palestinian Authority's new Hamas rulers are organizing protests across the Arab and Islamic world to pressure governments there to send money to the cash-starved Palestinian Authority, a Hamas leader said Tuesday. Palestinian coffers are empty, and unrest in the already volatile West Bank and Gaza Strip is liable to grow because of the government's inability to pay salaries to government employees. (AP)

KATHMANDU, NEPAL **Police Clash Anew With Pro-Democracy Protesters**

Police fired rubber bullets and charged pro-democracy protesters with clubs Tuesday, injuring scores of demonstrators as violence flared anew against the embattled rule of King Gyanendra, witnesses said. The clash came amid days of confrontations between security forces and protesters demanding the king give up absolute power. (AP)

Prodi Claims Slim Win in Italian Poll

But Berlusconi refuses to concede defeat, demands a recount

ROME | Center-left economist Romano Prodi emerged the winner of Italy's election by a razor-thin margin Tuesday, promising to form a strong government able to run a deeply divided country mired in economic stagnation. But Premier Silvio Berlusconi claimed voting irregularities and demanded a recount.

The dispute could usher in a peri-

od of uncertainty over the results, a process which could take weeks. The outcome of the election must be approved by Italy's highest court, and it is up to the president to give the head of the winning coalition a mandate to form a government.

Prodi would preside over a potentially unwieldy coalition. The center-left, while built on two mainstream parties, includes a mixed group of smaller formations ranging from Catholics to communists.

Prodi, a former European Union chief, played down the divisions



Berlusconi



Prodi

within his coalition. He said previous governments have been weaker and called his alliance "politically and technically strong."

Berlusconi, a billionaire media mogul who has served as premier for the past five years, refused to

concede defeat for his center-right coalition.

"Nobody now can say they have won," he said.

Official results by the Interior Ministry showed Prodi's coalition winning four of the six seats in the Senate elected by Italians living abroad, giving him the margin he needs to control both houses of Italy's parliament.

But Berlusconi, speaking of the vote abroad, said "there are many irregularities and, therefore, it's possible that this is not a vote we can say is valid." ALESSANDRA RIZZO (AP)

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVNIA | MISSING VICTIMS OF SREBRENICA MOURNED



AMEL EMRICH/AP

SHATTERED LIVES: Rufejda Buhic, a Bosnian Muslim and survivor of the Srebrenica massacre holds a poster with photos of men still missing from the 1995 conflict during a protest in the northern Bosnian town of Tuzla Tuesday. The demonstrators called for the arrests of top Bosnian Serb war crimes fugitives Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic.

Rocket Blast Kills 7 Afghan Students

ASADABAD, AFGHANISTAN | A rocket exploded in a school yard in eastern Afghanistan Tuesday, killing seven students and wounding 34 other people in an attack possibly aimed at a nearby U.S. military base, officials said.

The tragedy was the deadliest in

a string of assaults on Afghanistan's education system since the hard-line Islamic Taliban regime was ousted by a U.S.-led coalition.

Local police commander Mohammed Hasan accused the Taliban of targeting the boys school in the town of Asadabad in Kunar

province. But a purported Taliban spokesman, Qari Mohammed Yousaf, denied involvement.

"We do not kill innocent children. This is not our work," he said.

Salabagh School is located in a steep river valley about half a mile from a U.S. base, which frequently draws militant fire. (AP)

Deadlock Continues In Iraq

Political stalemate persists on al-Jaafari; 5 more U.S. troops die

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Bitter rivalry between two powerful clans for leadership of Iraq's Shiite Muslims snarled efforts Tuesday to agree on the next prime minister, the key issue that is blocking a national unity government.

The U.S. military reported the deaths of five more soldiers, including three killed Tuesday in a roadside bombing north of the capital.

Sunni Arabs and Kurds blame Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a Shiite, for the rise in sectarian violence bloodying Iraq. They are demanding that he be replaced before they agree to join a new government.

But al-Jaafari's Dawa party and his key backer, radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, remained firm in their support for him during a meeting of the seven factions in the Shiite alliance Tuesday.

Behind the scenes, al-Jaafari's bid to remain in his post is opposed by the biggest Shiite party, which is led by a member of a family that has competed for decades with al-Sadr's clan to lead Shiites. (AP)

World



PEN POWER: A new exhibition of Anne Frank's letters, postcards and notes, some of them never displayed before, opens Wednesday at the Amsterdam Historical Museum. The exhibit includes photo albums and the notebooks of friends in which Anne wrote birthday poems.

Powerful Blast Kills 41 in Pakistan

Suicide attacker triggers explosive at Sunni Muslim service

KARACHI, PAKISTAN | A suicide attacker detonated a bomb during an outdoor Sunni Muslim prayer service Tuesday, killing at least 41 people and wounding dozens. In the mayhem that followed, angry mobs torched cars and hurled rocks at police, who fired warning shots in the air.

The attacker blew himself up near leaders of the Sunni Tehrik religious group, which helped organize the prayer service at a downtown Karachi park, police chief Niaz Siddiqui said.

The religious leaders were sitting near a stage erected in front of the thousands of Sunni Muslims marking the birth of Islam's Prophet Muhammad. Two prominent clerics were among the dead.

Interior Minister Aftab Khan Sherpao told the Associated Press



GRIM SCENE: Pakistani men help move an injured victim of a powerful suicide bomb blast that ripped through a religious gathering in Karachi on Tuesday.

that at least 40 people were killed. Officials at three Karachi hospitals later said they received 41 bodies.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf condemned the attack and ordered increased security at religious sites, adding that the culprits "will not go unpunished," according to a statement issued on Pakistan's state-run news agency.

It was not immediately clear who was responsible for the bombing, one of the deadliest ever in Pakistan, a key U.S. ally in the war on terrorism. Attacks in the past have been linked to simmering Shiite-Sunni Muslim tensions, and most have been blamed on outlawed extremist groups.

Mayhem erupted after the explosion. Scores of men wearing white, blood-splattered robes clambered onto the stage to assist victims.

Violence erupted in nearby areas as groups of youths burned a gas station, buses and several cars. Another mob pelted security forces with stones. ZARAR KHAN (AP)

29 Indicted In Madrid Bombings

MADRID, SPAIN | A Spanish judge issued the first indictments in the 2004 Madrid train bombings, charging 29 people Tuesday with murder, terrorism or other crimes after a probe that uncovered a hornet's nest of Islamic militancy but no apparent link to al Qaeda.

In a minutely detailed indictment spanning 1,471 pages, Juan del Olmo, the investigative magistrate spearheading the probe, described the birth and workings of a cell of longtime residents, most of them from Morocco and Syria.

Inspired by extremist Islamic doctrine, they are said to have risen up against their adopted homeland to kill 191 people in the coordinated attacks.

Three of the 29 people indicted were charged with 191 counts of murder and 1,755 counts of attempted murder. (AP)

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The number of stories a Hyattsville woman and her 19-month old son fell after jumping out of their apartment window to escape a man who, police said, had become violent. The two had only minor injuries and the man was arrested.

Local

Metro Marks Big Crowds

Rally pushes ridership to second-highest level in the system's history

WASHINGTON | Police wouldn't give an official estimate on the size of the crowd at the immigration rally Monday, but the event pushed transit ridership in the nation's capital to its second-highest level in Metro's 30-year history, officials said.

Regular riders and protesters

took a combined 821,283 passenger trips. After looking at the numbers, the transit agency estimated that about 131,000 of those riders were heading to the National Mall for the immigration protest, said Metro spokeswoman Candace Smith.

Several smaller events also drew people to the Washington Convention Center, and "the weather was nice too," Smith said. "That always helps."

Only President Ronald Reagan's state funeral in June 2004 drew more riders into the transit system, according to figures from Metro. That day, Metro carried more than 850,000 passengers, setting the all-time ridership record. The immigration protest beat out the crowd that attended President Clinton's first inauguration in 1993, which held the agency's ridership record for more than a decade. **BRETT ZONKER (AP)**

\$1.5 Million in Damage After Apartments Fire

Dozens displaced but no serious injuries as blaze destroys rooftop

WHEATON | More than three dozen people were displaced in Wheaton, after a three-alarm fire raced through an apartment building Tuesday morning.

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue spokesman Pete Piringier said there were no serious injuries,

but one woman was taken to the hospital for evaluation.

Piringier said the blaze began at about 10 a.m. in a vacant, second-floor unit of Oakfield Apartments on the 2200 block of Georgian Way. He said flames spread through the three-story building, destroying much of the roof.

The cause of the fire hasn't been determined.

Damage is estimated at more than \$1.5 million dollars. **(AP)**

The Washington Post | SENATORIAL ELECTION



FEEL THE CAMPAIGN: Republican U.S. Sen. George Allen formally kicked off his campaign for re-election Tuesday in Manassas, Va., but he wouldn't guarantee that he would stay in the Senate the full six years, leaving open the possibility of a 2008 presidential bid. | **Today in Metro**

Plan for New VRE Cars Held Up by City Dispute

Manassas Park won't pay share of funding until canopy promised

ALEXANDRIA | A disagreement between Virginia Railway Express and Manassas Park might disrupt plans to buy 50 new rail cars to replace aging equipment.

All seven jurisdictions served by VRE must kick in money for the commuter railway to secure \$35 million in state funding for the proj-

ect. But Manassas Park is holding out on its share of \$25,000.

Kevin Brendel, the city's vice mayor, said they want an additional stretch of canopy to cover the platform at the Manassas Park VRE station.

VRE spokesman Mark Roeber said the canopy provision was added to a contract after an agreement between the railway and Manassas Park had been signed.

He said the provision was overlooked by VRE officials. **(AP)**

Md. Court Limits Web Identifying

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | The Maryland Court of Appeals has decided most identifying information about victims and witnesses won't be put online in certain court cases.

The rule adopted Monday addressed concerns of victim advocates and prosecutors who said Internet access to such information would make victims and witnesses vulnerable to intimidation and embarrassment. It also satisfies journalists who want greater online access to court information. **(AP)**

In Brief

RICHMOND, VA.

Kaine Vetoes Bill to Allow Drivers to Have Guns in Cars

Gov. Kaine announced Tuesday that he has vetoed seven bills, including one that would allow motorists to store guns in a locked glove box or other interior compartment even if they do not have a concealed weapons permit. Kaine said police opposed putting concealed guns within reach of drivers or passen-

gers who have not completed a criminal background check. **(AP)**

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Lawmakers Leave Without Plan for Energy Rate Hikes

Wondering what your power bill will look like this summer? You'll have to wait for an answer. Lawmakers left this week without settling on a plan to ease into higher rates coming for homeowners when rate caps in the Baltimore area expire this summer. Lawmakers awaited word whether they'd have to return for a special session to address rate relief. **(AP)**

Sniper Witness Subpoenas Halted

Prosecutors say many that Muhammad calls are irrelevant to case

ROCKVILLE | A Montgomery County judge has delayed issuing subpoenas for witnesses requested by sniper John Allen Muhammad in his upcoming murder trial after prosecutors objected that many on his

list are not relevant to the case.

In a filing last week, Muhammad, who is defending himself against six murder charges for the 2002 shootings, asked for 178 witnesses. He also wanted to subpoena the 354 potential prosecution witnesses.

Muhammad's list includes his accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo, and some that appear on the prosecution list. But he is vague on other

names — some include no identifying or contact information.

Prosecutors objected, saying his lengthy list included many people who did not appear to have a strong connection to the case. They plan to only call about 100 witnesses.

"Many of the defendant's potential witnesses cannot provide competent material or relevant testimony," prosecutors said. **(AP)**

The Lotteries

Tuesday, April 11

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	1-6-0
Evening Lucky Numbers	6-9-8
Mid-day DC 4	5-0-1-6
Evening DC 4	1-1-0-5
Rolling Cash Five	13-11-15-34-16

Daily 6

34-27-14-3-26-2 (8)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	2-0-2
Evening Pick 3	4-1-3
Mid-day Pick 4	2-3-9-3
Evening Pick 4	7-5-1-0
Match 5	6-19-24-34-39 (25)

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)

5-6-7

Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)

3-6-4

Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)

3-1-4-8

Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)

6-0-4-5

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\$9M Awarded In Key Vioxx Case

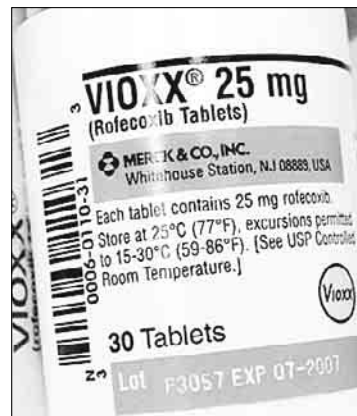
Jury concludes Merck
knowingly withheld
data on drug's risks

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. | A jury awarded \$9 million in punitive damages Tuesday to a man who blamed his heart attack on Vioxx, finding that manufacturer Merck & Co. knowingly withheld information about the risks of its arthritis drug from federal regulators.

Saying Merck's conduct showed a "wanton and willful disregard of another's rights," the state court jury added to the \$4.5 million it had awarded last week to John McDarby, 77, and his wife, Irma.

Last Wednesday, the same panel found that Merck failed to warn of the drug's risks and committed consumer fraud in misrepresenting them to prescribing physicians.

Merck, which pulled the blockbuster drug off the market in 2004 after a study linked it to increased risk of heart attack and stroke, said



Merck, the maker of the arthritis drug Vioxx, says it will appeal the verdict.

it would appeal Tuesday's verdict.

Tuesday's decision capped a five-week trial that combined two cases: that of McDarby, a retired insurance agent who took the drug for four years, and Thomas Cona, 60.

Jurors rejected Cona's heart attack claim but found in both cases that Merck misrepresented the risks of Vioxx and concealed them from prescribing physicians. (AP)



Ex-Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling, right, and his attorney enter court Tuesday.

Skilling Defends Record as CEO

HOUSTON | Former Enron Corp. Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling on Tuesday addressed prosecution testimony that painted him as an earnings-obsessed leader so bent on meeting or beating Wall Street expectations that his minions resorted to fraud with his knowledge.

The ex-CEO denied that he spearheaded a conspiracy that in part included fudging Enron's books before the company sought bankruptcy protection.

Skilling sought to erase his image as an overly demanding CEO who expected top performance at all costs. He acknowledged he had high expectations, but described himself as a negotiator when setting earnings targets. He said Wall Street would understand if companies missed expectations if they had a reasonable explanation. (AP)



NAME FAME: Muhammad Ali, one of the world's most recognized people, has sold 80 percent of the marketing rights to his name and likeness to a firm for \$50 million. The venture will be operated by a company called G.O.A.T. LLC, an acronym for "The Greatest of All Time." Ali and wife are expected to work with the group to market his interests worldwide. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
PiperJaf	61.10	+5.90	+10.7
AdvMOpt	48.48	+3.01	+6.6
SwiftEng	40.91	+1.93	+5.0
Steinwy	32.30	+1.35	+4.4
AFncIRT	11.43	+4.5	+4.1

Losers

PikeElec n	17.81	-3.24	-15.4
BauschLlf	49.03	-8.41	-14.6
NewMarket	42.44	-5.43	-11.3
Salton	2.74	-.35	-11.3
Ampco	19.35	-2.02	-9.5

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
BluDolp	7.09	+2.03	+40.1
Tri-S Sec	3.71	+.92	+33.0
UHrtgrs	3.40	+.82	+31.8
MagelPt	2.28	+.43	+23.2
PlugPower	5.98	+1.10	+22.5

Losers

Constar	2.29	-.63	-21.6
OraLabs	6.35	-1.55	-19.6
Embrctc	6.20	-1.40	-18.4
BostnCom	2.38	-.49	-17.1
AcmeCm	4.55	-.70	-13.3

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.75	7.75
Fed Funds close	4.75	4.75
3-month disc	4.58	4.56
2-year	4.87	4.82
10-year	4.92	4.87
30-year	5.00	4.91

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5721	.5743	.5287
Canadian Dollar	1.1445	1.1492	1.2330
European Euro	.8240	.8267	.7703
Japanese Yen	118.37	118.50	107.72
Mexican Peso	11.0575	11.1225	11.0860
Taiwanese Dollar	32.39	32.35	31.57

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
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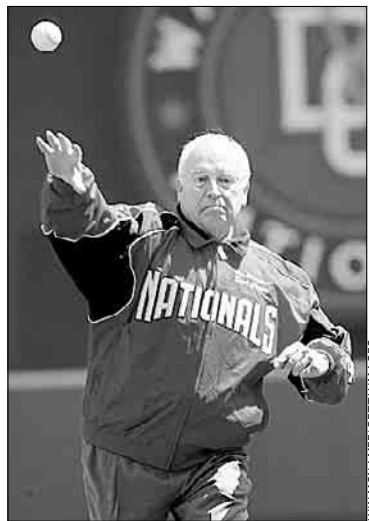
Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS B n	24.60	-.29	-3.5
ClearChan	28.46	-.47	-9.5
Comcast	27.58	-.09	+6.4
Comc sp	27.53	-.07	+7.2
DirecTV	16.51	+.03	+16.9
Disney	27.77	-.02	+15.9
LibtyMA	8.26	-.14	+5.0
McGrwH s	57.42	-.76	+11.2
NewsCpA	16.82	-.18	+8.2
NewsCpB	17.91	-.10	+7.8
Omnicom	85.25	-.45	+1.1
Thomson	38.52	+.27	+11.3
TimeWarn	16.86	-.02	-3.3
Viacom B n	38.34	-.06	-6.8
WPP Gp	59.07	-1.06	+9.4



SPACEBALL: Cosmonaut Pavel Vinogradov, who took over command of the international space station last week, hopes to hit a gold-plated golf ball during an August spacewalk. Due to the zero gravity, the ball is expected to stay in orbit for years.

Sports



Dick Cheney's opening pitch bounced before reaching home plate Tuesday.

VP Cheney Hears Boos From Fans

NATIONALS | Greeted with a loud chorus of "boos" and some cheers, Vice President Dick Cheney threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Washington Nationals' Major League Baseball home opener on Tuesday.

Christening the team's second season as they played the New York Mets, the vice president stood directly in front of the mound and released a ball that hit the dirt in front of home plate. Nationals catcher Brian Schneider scooped it up.

Cheney wore a red-and-blue Nationals jacket that seemed bulky, perhaps filled out by a bulletproof vest. Security agents ringed the top edge of the open-air stadium.

There was plenty of pomp for the midday ceremonies. Opera star Plácido Domingo sang the national anthem, four military jets screeched overhead, and a burst of fireworks filled the sky on the brilliantly sunny spring day.

The vice president paid a visit to the Mets and Nationals locker rooms before the game.

Cheney became the eighth sitting vice president to open a home season by throwing out the ceremonial first pitch for a Washington team. James Sherman inaugurated the tradition in 1912, and the last to do so was Hubert Humphrey in 1968. **TERENCE HUNT (AP)**



SECOND STORY: Fireworks go off as the Nationals started Year 2 in D.C. Tuesday, but the team lost 7-1 to the New York Mets.

Buzz Missing From Opener

Nationals fail to sell out first game at RFK Stadium this season

NATIONALS | The strong chorus of boos and cheers that greeted Vice President Dick Cheney for the ceremonial pitch came from a stadium that was nowhere near full. At least 10 sections in the upper deck had no more than a dozen or so

isolated fans when Ramon Ortiz threw the real first pitch a few minutes later.

No one expected the Washington Nationals' second home opener to match the atmosphere that surrounded the first, but few thought the excitement would wane so precipitously in a city that waited more than three decades for baseball to return.

"I guess I'm a little surprised,"

manager Frank Robinson said. "I'm not disappointed. People have reasons, whatever reason it is, for not coming out on opening day. Every ballclub doesn't sell out opening day."

The announced attendance for Tuesday's 7-1 loss to the New York Mets was 40,530 at the 46,382-seat RFK Stadium and included thousands of late arrivals, even though there was no repeat of the

long security lines at the turnstiles that marred last year's opener.

This year, Andrew Lang of Potomac, Md., arrived with his son almost five hours before the 1 p.m. start time so that he could have the "first ticket punched" of the new season. He didn't have much company. "We want to make sure that this franchise does well," Lang said, "so we don't lose it again."

The Nationals had plenty working in their favor. The weather was sunny and gorgeous. The game fell during school holidays for some area kids, so only the working dads and moms had to play hooky. The season began more than a week ago — the Nationals opened with a seven-game road trip — so there was pent-up excitement at the chance to finally see the home team.

But nonstop bad news during the offseason tainted the build-up. The D.C. council and Major League Baseball bickered over the details of a lease for a new stadium. The sale of the franchise was postponed, so the team is still owned by the other 29 major league teams. The team has done relatively little marketing and a complex dispute involving cable rights means that millions are again unable to watch the games on television.

"The novelty may have worn off a little bit," said Joshua Schwartz of Springfield, Va., another early arrival with his family. **JOSEPH WHITE (AP)**

Late game: The Orioles-Devil Rays game ended after Express' deadline. For results | **Today's Post, Sports**

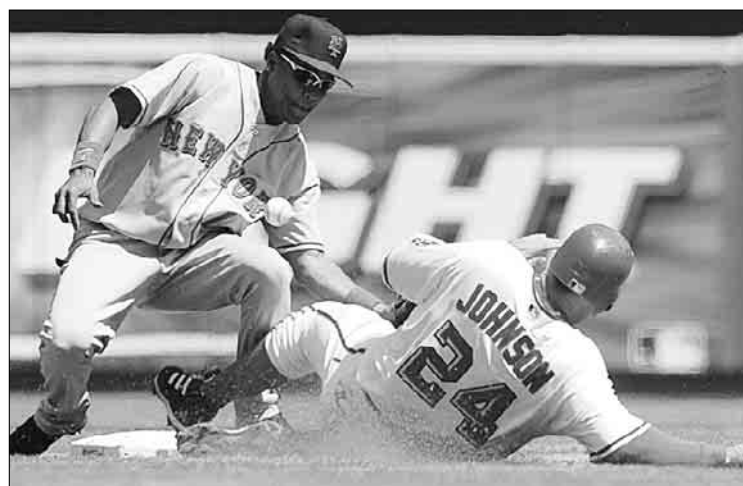
Bannister, Mets Shut Down the Nats

Soriano's homer is only offense the home team can muster in 7-1 loss

NATIONALS | No brawls, beanballs or even brushbacks Tuesday between the Nationals and Mets.

No sellout and no bouncing stands, either, at Washington's home opener, which was much more low key in just about every way than last season, when big league baseball returned after a 34-year absence to plenty of fanfare.

The announced crowd of 40,530 didn't have much reason to root, root, root for the home



Nick Johnson steals second base in the Washington Nationals' 7-1 defeat against the New York Mets in Tuesday's home opener at RFK Stadium. The Nats are 2-6.

team. Rookie Brian Bannister shut down Washington's struggling offense again for his first major league victory, and Carlos Beltrán homered off the facing of the upper deck, leading the Mets past the Nationals 7-1. The lone run he allowed was on Alfonso Soriano's homer in the seventh.

During last week's series at Shea Stadium, seven batters were hit — six by Mets pitchers — and a near-fight ensued. Nationals right-hander Felix Rodríguez and manager Frank Robinson were suspended by Major League Baseball; before Tuesday's game, Robinson said, both managers were told umpires would watch all season for any sign of trouble when the NL East rivals meet. **HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)**

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Sports



STEP UP: Jeff Capel was hired as Oklahoma's basketball coach Tuesday, resigning at Virginia Commonwealth to replace Kelvin Sampson and take over a program under NCAA investigation.

Jeter Caps Yankees' Rally

N.Y. captain comes through with another dramatic home run

BASEBALL | Derek Jeter stepped to the plate with the Yankees trailing in the eighth inning, having just watched Johnny Damon strike out on three pitches.

Jeter showed New York's latest star addition how things get done in the Bronx. His three-run homer soared into the left-field seats to cap a five-run rally, and New York beat the Kansas City Royals 9-7 Tuesday to win its club-record ninth straight home opener.

"He always had a flair for the dramatic," Bernie Williams said.

Chien Ming-Wang wasted a 4-1 lead before the stirring comeback calmed a sellout crowd of 54,698. It was the first game at Yankee Stadium since last October's playoff flop against the Los Angeles Angels, and New York went 2-4 on its season-opening West Coast trip.



KATHY WILLENS/AP

Yankees fans cheer Derek Jeter as he celebrates his eighth inning three-run home run with third base coach Larry Bowa in a 9-7 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Kansas City, which lost a major league-high 106 games last year, hasn't won at Yankee Stadium since August 2002.

In previous home openers, Jeter had no homers and two RBIs in 34 at-bats. The Yankees' captain was

looking for a fastball, but jumped on a splitter. "They're all special," said Jeter, who refused to rank the great moments he's had in this ballpark. "It seems like the season hasn't really officially started until we play our home opener." (AP)



JIM MCISAAC/GETTY IMAGES

Josh Beckett earned a victory in his first home start as a member of the Red Sox.

Marlins Castoffs Lift Sox at Fenway

BASEBALL | After throwing 36 pitches and walking home a run in his first inning at Fenway Park, Josh Beckett was looking at a short outing and a short honeymoon with the Boston fans.

"It's not exactly the first impression you want to make," he said Tuesday.

But Beckett settled down in Boston's home opener and held

Toronto to three hits over seven innings, combining with fellow Florida castoff Mike Lowell to beat the Blue Jays 5-3 and give the Red Sox their fifth consecutive victory.

"He wanted to destroy the dugout after that first inning," said Lowell, who went 4-for-4 with three doubles. "But the way he threw, to be down one run after that inning, I'd take that." (AP)

Arroyo Homers Again for Reds In 9-2 Victory

BASEBALL | Here's what Bronson Arroyo has shown the Cincinnati Reds since joining them less than a month ago: He can beat the Chicago Cubs and he can hit home runs off Glendon Rusch.

Arroyo, with no homers in his first six major league seasons, hit his second off Rusch in six days Tuesday, one of six long balls by the Reds as they routed the Cubs 9-2 on a windy day at Wrigley Field.

"I got lucky again. Just keep hacking," Arroyo said after throwing seven shutout innings and hitting a ball over the left-field bleachers that landed on Waveland Ave.

Adam Dunn hit a pair of solo shots and Ken Griffey Jr. and Arroyo had one each off Rusch in the first four innings. Edwin Encarnacion hit his first career grand slam and Austin Kearns followed with another homer, both off Will Ohman in the sixth. (AP)



STIFF DRINK: The Kentucky Derby will now feature a \$1,000 mint julep made with one of the state's finest bourbons and served in a gold-plated cup with a silver straw to the first 50 people willing to put down the cash at the May 6 race.

Sports

6 Virginia Athletes Arrested

Charges stem from incident at a school frat house in March

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. | Six University of Virginia athletes are facing charges in connection with a March 3 break-in and fight at a fraternity house that involved as many as 15 students, Charlottesville police said Tuesday.

Zak Stair, 20, a sophomore offensive tackle on the football team; Edwin Pinigis, 21, a junior offensive tackle; Vince Redd, 20, former football defensive lineman; and Enong Stovall, 19, a freshman who took the spring semester off from the women's basketball team, were arrested Monday night.

Stovall, Stair and Pinigis are charged with misdemeanor entering a property with intent to damage. Redd, who was dismissed from the football team in March for unspecified violations of team rules, faces a charge of obstruction of justice.

Police already had arrested Michael Giallombardo, 18, a freshman goalie on the soccer team, and Michael Brown, 18, a freshman defensive back on the football team. Both were charged with felony breaking and entering with intent to commit an assault and misdemeanor charges of breaking and entering. (AP)

One-Eyed Pitcher Returns to Mound

College player battles back from frightening injury two years ago

COLLEGE BASEBALL | John Fortenberry was shaking hands after a game when an opponent noticed something strange about his right eye. It wasn't there.

"I couldn't find my patch that morning, and they were all staring at me pretty hard," Fortenberry said.

At least Fortenberry can laugh about his frightening injury.

Two years after a batted ball struck him in the face and cost him his eye, the sophomore pitcher at East Central Community College in Decatur, Miss., has returned to the mound and is determined not to let the injury keep him from playing at a major college.

"He has a disability as far as only having one eye, but as a player he's just like the rest of the guys," said coach Jake Yarborough.



John Fortenberry, a sophomore pitcher at East Central Community College, wears a helmet after a hit struck him in the face two years ago, causing him to lose an eye.

Fortenberry is 3-2 this season with a 5.76 ERA and 19 strikeouts in 29 innings while pitching with a helmet and cage mask protecting his face.

Pitching in an intrasquad scrimmage Jan. 23, 2004, he threw a fastball outside. The hitter turned on the pitch and drove it into Fortenberry's right cheek.

Fortenberry said the impact crushed his eyeball and shattered several facial bones. He crumpled to the ground in what the coach called a bloody mess, but remained conscious as he was taken to a hospital.

"I remember all of it," he said. "I just fell down, grabbed my face. That was all I could think of."

Doctors rebuilt Fortenberry's face with three plates and 29 screws now hold it together, but they couldn't save the eye. A ball made of coral was placed in the socket, wrapped in the network of remaining blood vessels and muscles and tucked behind a black patch — which he'll wear until he receives his prosthetic eye.

"The first couple of days, I woke up and thought, 'I'm probably done. I'm not going to play again,'" Fortenberry said. "And then somebody came in and told me I couldn't ever play again, and I don't really like when people say that. So I had to get back out here and show that I could." JOEDY MCCREARY (AP)

HEARSAY | IN MEMORY

"I've said this before — when I grow up I want to be just like her."

—PITT BASKETBALL COACH JAMIE DIXON RECALLING SISTER MAGGIE DIXON, 28, AT HER FUNERAL. MAGGIE COACHED ARMY TO ITS FIRST NCAA TOURNAMENT SHOWING BEFORE UNEXPECTEDLY DYING LAST WEEK.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Boston	5	1	.833	—	0-0	5-1
Toronto	3	3	.500	2	3-3	0-0
Baltimore	3	4	.429	2.5	2-4	1-0
Tampa Bay	3	4	.429	2.5	0-1	3-3
N.Y. Yankees	2	4	.333	3	0-0	2-4

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Cleveland	5	1	.833	—	3-0	2-1
Detroit	5	2	.714	.5	0-1	5-1
Chicago Sox	3	4	.429	2.5	1-2	2-2
Kansas City	2	3	.400	2.5	2-3	0-0
Minnesota	1	5	.167	4	0-0	1-5

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Oakland	5	2	.714	—	2-1	3-1
L.A. Angels	5	3	.571	1	3-1	1-2
Seattle	3	4	.429	2	3-4	0-0
Texas	2	6	.250	3.5	2-5	0-1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
N.Y. Mets	4	1	.800	—	4-1	0-0
Atlanta	4	4	.500	1.5	1-0	3-4
Washington	2	5	.286	3	0-0	2-5
Florida	1	4	.200	3	0-0	1-4
Philadelphia	1	6	.143	4	1-5	0-2

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Chi. Cubs	4	1	.800	—	3-0	1-1
Houston	5	2	.714	—	5-2	0-0
Milwaukee	5	2	.714	—	5-1	0-1
Cincinnati	4	2	.667	.5	4-2	0-0
St. Louis	4	3	.571	1	1-0	3-3
Pittsburgh	1	7	.125	4.5	0-1	1-6

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Colorado	4	2	.667	—	1-2	3-0
San Fran.	4	2	.667	—	3-1	1-1
L.A. Dodgers	4	3	.571	.5	1-2	3-1
Arizona	3	3	.500	1	0-0	3-3
San Diego	1	4	.200	2.5	1-4	0-0

Standings through April 10's games



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Sports

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The last time that New York Yankees public address announcer Bob Shepperd missed a home opener before Tuesday's game. Shepperd, thought to be in his 90s, threw out his hip at his home Monday.

DA: 'This Case Is Not Going Away'

Prosecutor promises to investigate Duke lacrosse team's party

DURHAM, N.C. | Standing before a mostly black audience, the district attorney in charge of the Duke University rape investigation said Tuesday he does not need DNA to bring charges and vowed, "This case is not going away."

District Attorney Mike Nifong spoke one day after defense attorneys said DNA testing failed to connect any of Duke's lacrosse players to the alleged attack on a black stripper who said she was raped at a March 13 party by members of the nearly all-white 47-man team.

The allegations have led to days of protests on and off the Duke campus and heightened racial tensions around Durham.

The team's season has been cancelled and the coach, Mike Pressler, resigned.

Nifong stopped short of confirming the defense assessment of



Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong, center, speaks at a community forum to discuss the rape allegations at Duke.

the DNA results, but said the case would not be hampered by a lack of DNA evidence.

"It doesn't mean nothing happened," Nifong said at a public forum at North Carolina Central

University, where the 27-year-old alleged victim is a student. "It just means nothing was left behind."

No charges have been filed. Nifong said prosecutors were awaiting a second set of DNA

results, but did not say how those differed from the tests reported Monday. Nifong added that in 75 percent to 80 percent of sexual assaults, there is no DNA evidence to analyze. TIM WHITMIRE (AP)

Bettis Rolls Into Celebrity Bowling Hall of Fame

RETIREMENT | The Bus is rolling into the Hall of Fame.

Jerome Bettis, who retired after helping the Pittsburgh Steelers win the Super Bowl in his hometown of Detroit, will be the first inductee into the Celebrities Bowling Hall of Fame.

The star running back will be enshrined during a June 28 fundraiser in Las Vegas by the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame.



Bettis

Bettis has rolled a perfect 300 game in competition and wanted to become a professional bowler while growing up in Detroit. He maintains an average of more than 200.

"I have bowled my entire life and gained great pleasure and enjoyment from the sport," Bettis said. "This is a tremendous honor." (AP)

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Sports

Caps Add Another Russian to Lineup

2002 top pick Semin set to join Ovechkin upon return next year

CAPITALS | Alexander Semin, who was sued by the Washington Capitals for breach of contract when he decided to remain in Russia following the NHL lockout, has agreed to return to the team next season.

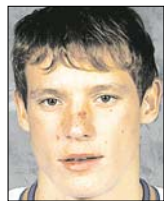
Semin, taken in the first round of the 2002 NHL draft, signed a three-year deal with the Capitals in 2003. He played for Washington in 2003-04, scoring 10 goals with 12 assists in 52 games.

He was then told to report to AHL club Portland in September 2004 during the NHL lockout. Instead, Semin went to play for Russian team Lada Togliatti and

later Khimik. The Capitals filed suit against Semin and his agent in October, after the lockout was over.

Semin is considered an outstanding young talent, and the Capitals hope that he can team with fellow Russian Alex Ovechkin, the favorite to win the Calder Trophy as the league's top rookie, to lead the club as it rebuilds.

"I'm truly happy to sign on with the Capitals for the next two years," Semin said in a statement released by the team. "This team is young and daring, and I look forward to be a part of the resurgence." (AP)



Semin

WORLD CUP | SHINY HAPPY PEOPLE



KICK START: Kathrin Selz, left, and Julia Glaser wear traditional clothing from Germany's Black Forest region as they gaze at the World Cup trophy Tuesday in Freiburg, the first of 21 German cities the trophy will visit.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (8 P.M. ON CSN) The Wizards can clinch a playoff spot with a victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

MORE NBA (8 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M. ON ESPN) The Cleveland Cavaliers visit the Detroit Pistons; Golden State hosts Dallas.

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON MASN) How many Nationals hitters will the Mets' Pedro Martinez hit in his second start of the

season?

MORE BASEBALL (1 P.M. ON ESPN, 2:10 P.M. ON WGN, 7 P.M. ON ESPN2) The Yankees host the Kansas City Royals; the Cincinnati Reds visit the Chicago Cubs; Boston hosts Toronto.

BOXING (10 P.M. ON ESPN2) Welterweights Paul Williams (28-0-0) and Sergio Rios (18-2-0) square off in Lemoore, Calif.

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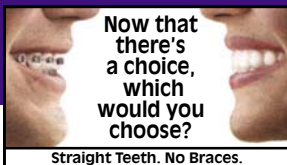
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Cars

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That bump might not seem like a big deal, but treat it like one

In the universe of auto accidents, there are high-speed crashes and rollovers at one end of the scale. And at the other end, you have the slow-motion bump.

Bumps from 0.5 to 3 mph happen with remarkable frequency. Often, there is no visible damage to either car, and then the question becomes: Was it even an accident? Is it worth checking for hidden damage? Should you demand repairs for paint smudges? And how much slack should you cut a total stranger?

A lot of trends have made bumps more of a problem in recent years and are making it more difficult to

simply excuse them as part of the normal urban driving experience.

Lease companies often demand cars be returned in perfect condition, a ridiculous but widespread practice. More and more people are opting for expensive vehicles they cannot really afford and believe they must aggressively protect their investment. And, finally, many auto manufacturers have developed designs that offer zero protection against major damage to bumpers from very-low-speed accidents.

Many drivers mistakenly assume that when they are driving slowly, they can divert their eyes from the road ahead. Some bumps, for example, occur when a car in front is making a turn and then stops, while the next driver assumes the way has cleared and is looking to the side to

make the same turn and then bumps the stopped car in front.

So, bumps result from bumbling human mistakes rather than aggressive speeding or high-risk lane changes or drunk driving. It's the sort of mistake that compels even complete strangers to say, let's just forget it.

The theory is that nobody is perfect and even though you may be the bumpee today, you may be the bumper tomorrow.

But auto insurers say drivers involved in any bump should exchange insurance information and file claims, even if there is no damage. They advise against offers by the bumper to pay for damage to the bumpee without filing an insurance claim. RALPH VARTABEDIAN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Cars

More Lift-Off Than Looks

The 2006 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution MR is speedy, not pretty

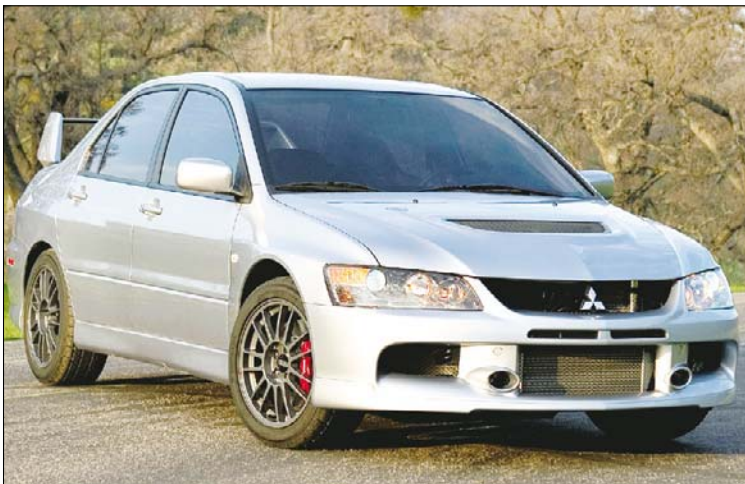
ROAD TEST | The 2006 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution MR is the fastest ugly car in the world. That's meant in the nicest possible way.

After all, making ugly fast is no small feat. Fast cars are typically low-slung, wide and rakish, aerodynamically optimized in the wind tunnel for high speeds and stability. Our innate sense of aesthetics responds to this kind of sleek-ifying in the same way we recognize a cheetah, a porpoise or a peregrine falcon as beautiful.

The stubby, thick Evo MR, on the other hand, is more like a rocket-powered groundhog, or a baby hippo fired out of a cannon. Fast. Ugly.

The template is well established: Take one scandalously average-looking compact sedan; turbocharge the bejeezus out of it; rig the undercarriage with an advanced all-wheel drivetrain; string it in a cat's cradle of Bilstein shocks, stiff springs and stabilizer bars; hang some pizza-size Brembo brakes, alloy rims and gummy tires at the corners; stick a Momo wheel and some Recaro seats in the cabin; dress it in the most outrageous aero cladding, spoilers and splitters the mind of an 11-year-old can conceive ... and voila, it still looks like repurposed dog food.

But fast. Unnaturally, unhealthily, hail-Mary-full-of-torque fast.



It's hard to tell how unattractive the 2006 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution MR is when it goes so gosh-darn fast that all you can see is the blur as it blows right by you.

With their wormhole acceleration, telepathic steering, fantastic grip and rib-bruising brakes, Evos are the cars to drive if, say, it absolutely, positively has to get to the airport in 15 minutes.

These cars get the huevos gigante: the company's famously durable 4G63 iron-block inline four with a newly enlarged twin-scroll turbocharger and intercooler, new variable valve timing, as well as other plumbing, breathing and oil-sealing measures that bump output 10 hp from last year, to a monstrous 286 hp. That's 143 hp per liter, which Mitsubishi says is the highest specific output of any production engine.

Evos partake of Mitsubishi's advanced Active Center Differential, a multi-plate unit that, at the behest

- 2006 MITSUBISHI LANCER EVOLUTION MR**
- ➔ **POWERTRAIN:** Turbocharged and intercooled iron-block inline four, 16-valve DOHC, with variable-valve timing and dual-stage exhaust; six-speed manual transmission; full-time all-wheel-drive with active center differential; front and rear limited-slip differentials
 - ➔ **WHEELBASE:** 103.3 inches
 - ➔ **LENGTH:** 178.5 inches
 - ➔ **WEIGHT:** 3,285 pounds
 - ➔ **HORSEPOWER:** 286 at 6,500 rpm
 - ➔ **0-60 MPH:** 4.5 seconds

of a variety of sensors, electronically balances torque split between the front and rear axles. Reflecting

the car's rally-racing heritage, the center diff also has a three-way switch to adjust the computer's logic to account for tarmac, gravel and snow. The Evo employs a front helical and rear clutch-type limited-slip differential.

What difference do all these diffs make? On dry pavement, they allow drivers to put more power down while maneuvering — say, accelerating harder at the apex of a corner (or if an apex is not available, a mailbox). The car is nearly always completely, utterly hooked up and locked down, its high-grip Yokohamas clawing at the pavement at cornering forces that would leave other cars sliding for the weeds.

The best way to get around a corner in the Evo is as follows: lay off the throttle and turn the wheel at the same time, forcing the car to over-rotate slightly, which, being an inherently front-drive car, it doesn't like much. Then lay on the gas. The car will assume a neutral four-wheel drift, tighten its line and go wherever you point it. My, that's fun.

The MR is at the top of the Evolution-ary food chain and comes with all the best performance parts standard: a close-ratio six-speed manual transmission; light weight, one-piece BBS wheels; Bilstein shocks; a front strut tower brace; suede Recaro racing seats; and lots of chrome and carbon-fiber frippery on the pedals, dash, shifter and e-brake handle.

DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

LIVE ONLINE

Car Care

Automotive expert **PAT GOSS** owns Pat Goss Car World, Inc., a local car repair company. He chats monthly on washingtonpost.com/cars

I've noticed the transfer case lever migrates a few inches from the high-range gears in the direction of the low-range gears. No noticeable change or feel, but it does make an odd, very low, almost-vibrating sound. Is this just the linkage that needs to be tightened or adjusted, or could it be more serious?

Check linkage and linkage bushings.

The "service ride control" light comes on and it was traced to a sensor not being able to read the right front strut. Because ride quality has not deteriorated, should I continue to ignore the warning light? If so, when should I consider replacing the shocks and struts?

Unless this is a Concours, the light should only apply to the rear shocks. It's usually caused by an air leak in one of the rear shock lines.

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Entertainment



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POWERS OF PERCEPTION Marvel Comics' superhero engine, 83-year-old Stan Lee, looks back on his work in Los Angeles.

Man of Pencils

Comics icon Stan Lee is still telling his grown-up fairy tales

LEGENDS | Working with a team of artists at Marvel Comics, Stan Lee has envisioned some of the most memorable superheroes and villains of the past 45 years.

Now those characters have leaped off the pages of their

comic books and are on display at the California Science Center, a gleaming, futuristic glass-and-steel edifice just south of downtown Los Angeles.

Lee visited the museum days before the Marvel Super Heroes Science Exhibition opened late last month and spoke with the Associated Press.

What was the first of the charac-

ters you came up with?

Oh, I wrote so many. I started in about 1939 or 1940, but it wasn't until 1961 or '62 that I did the Fantastic Four, and that was the first of the Marvel characters. And after that I did X-Men, I think. No, I did the Hulk and then Spider-Man and then the X-Men and Daredevil and Iron Man and the rest of them. ... It was like there was something in the air.

Do you have a favorite?

I love 'em all. It used to be that whichever one I was writing was my favorite at that moment. And I'd really get into it. My wife would come in and say, "Who are you talking to?" And I'd realize that while I was writing the dialogue I was saying it out loud. "Take that, you! You won't get away with it!"

A lot of your characters seem to have gotten their powers through radioactive mishaps of one type or another. Is there a reason for that?

Well, if you're going to write about somebody who has a super-power, how do you justify him having the super-power? ... With Spider-Man, I had run out of rays. I couldn't think of any other ray. So I figured I'll get him bitten by a radioactive spider. And that seemed to work.

Did you study science in school?

Not at all. I wish I had. I mean, I find it fascinating.

What do you think is the attraction of superheroes?

I think everybody loves things that are bigger than life. ... I think of them as fairy tales for grown-ups. You know, I don't think there's anyone when he — or she — was young didn't love fairy tales. We all grew up with giants and ogres and witches. Well, you get a little bit older and you're too old to read fairy tales. But I don't think you ever outgrow your love for those kind of things, things that are bigger than life and magical and very imaginative.

JOHN ROGERS (AP)

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Wolf Parade shows its teeth with aggressive, neurotic post-rock.

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A Kinder, Gentler Morrissey?

The famously cynical singer casts aside snark for honesty

MUSIC | Never mind the hairstyle and jaw line; there are two reasons people fall for Morrissey: his voice and his lyrics.

As such, "Ringleader of the Tormentors" (Attack) stands to greet many as a difficult album. Lacking memorable tunes and turns of phrase, the record comes pain-

fully close, at least on first listen, to self-parody. Who but a Morrissey-mocker would call a song "Life Is a Pigsty?"

The answer, strangely enough, could be a Morrissey who's finally sick of smirking through his pain. These songs are uncharacteristically transparent, and when they're not about children becoming murderers, they're about unrequited love.

On "Dear God, Please Help Me," that love is even physical — a change of pace for the famously chilly sing-



His latest album hints the chilly, pessimistic Morrissey may be relaxing.

er. Some will find in these songs clear evidence of Morrissey's alleged homosexuality — something he has always been clever enough to avoid discussing. "At Last I Am Born," in particular, sounds like the sigh of relief that prefaces the outward swing of the closet door.

One hopes some newfound honesty is driving this record. Otherwise, Morrissey has cashed in his brashness and wit for no good reason. KENNETH PARTRIDGE (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

Entertainment



A NEW TWIST: Joseph R. Gannascoli was looking for an acting challenge and a little more visibility on "The Sopranos," so he offered to make his character gay.

An Inside Outsider

'The Sopranos' takes a big leap by outing a closeted gay mobster

TWISTS | Heath Ledger, Jake Gyllenhaal ... Joseph R. Gannascoli?

In what Gannascoli cheerfully calls "the year of the queer," when "Brokeback Mountain" became a phenomenon and Philip Seymour Hoffman won an Oscar playing Truman Capote, Gannascoli's character (spoiler alert: read no further if you haven't seen the episode yet) was outed Sunday night on "The Sopranos."

Dressed in appropriate leather bar attire, Vito Spatafore was sighted by a couple wiseguys who came by the sweaty S&M joint to collect their protection money.

"It's a joke," Vito weakly offers, then begs: "Don't say nothin'!"

By the end of the episode, he's checked into a motel with a gun, looking suicidal.

Now that the gay story line is heating up, the 47-year-old Brooklyn-born actor is immense-

ly pleased, in part because it was his idea to make Vito homosexual.

"I saw him as, like, a cross between Mike Tyson and Liberace," Gannascoli said. "I wanted to make him sort of in self-denial, self-loathing, a real gay hater."

Gannascoli concedes that he had a self-serving motivation for making the suggestion: Breaking out of the pack.

"I thought that was a way of separating myself from the other actors, because I would have been in the background most of the time. You know, line here, line there, and nothing really substantial," said Gannascoli.

But even amid all the recent gay buzz, Gannascoli knows the reaction to Vito won't be all positive.

"I'm a Brooklyn guy. I was just in Brooklyn last night. And, you know, I had some real wise guys that look at me and they give me dirty looks. I've had guys, like, come after me in clubs," he said.

He just hopes the "cerebral people" will appreciate his performance.

DOUGLAS J. ROWE (AP)



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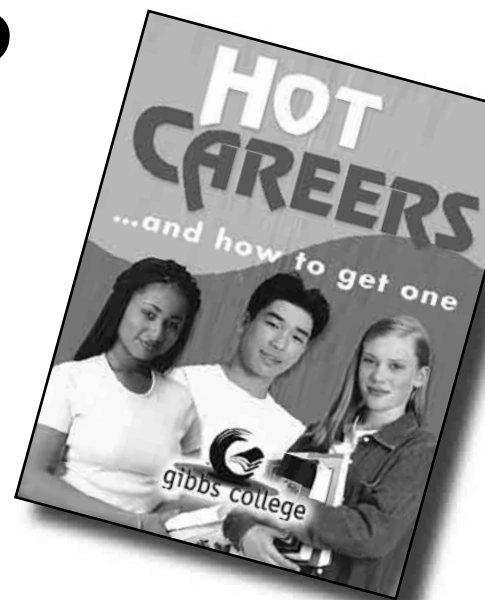
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GOOD PUPPET: Who says the "American Idol" tiara is meaningless? Season Four winner Carrie Underwood nabbed two CMT awards Monday night. She won Breakthrough Video and Best Female Video awards for "Jesus Take the Wheel."

Play the Game of Life

Filmmakers, artists are creating their own video games

TECH | In Spike Lee's thriller "Inside Man," there is an arresting moment when an 8-year-old boy, who is being held hostage during a bank heist, makes his captor blanch when he sees scenes from the boy's horribly violent portable video game.

It not only provides a flash of insight into the thief's demeanor but also expresses Lee's personal take on black-on-black violence and the glamorization of gangster culture.

The moment also points to a quickly developing new hybrid



POINT BLANK: "Machinima" is the term for narratives told in the style of video games, like this faux game in the film "Inside Man."

genre — video game narratives, also known as machinima. Using desktop computer tools, visual artists have begun using the style of video games to create animated

short stories. The genre is evolving to include hand-crafted social commentaries that use the visual vernacular of the gaming world.

In the case of "Inside Man's"

game, cinematographer Matty Libatique enlisted his cousin, Eric Alba, to create the fictional "Gangstas Iz Genocide" game. Alba brought in a collective of

graphic artists he works with called House of Pain. The director gave the House of Pain artists two stylized mock-ups of loose game play — one showed a savage stick-up at an ATM, the other a disturbingly graphic drive-by shooting.

Real-world violence also inspired a 27-year-old Parisian named Alex Chan to produce "The French Democracy." The short film represents Chan's social critique of alleged police abuse of non-white nationals that provoked the Paris riots in the fall.

John Gaeta, visual effects supervisor of "The Matrix" trilogy, predicts that machinima is the next logical step in the evolution of cinema and gaming: "We'll see a movie that preserves the singular vision of the creator that also allows the viewer-player to observe it, to play it and go into a hybrid exploratory mode. That's the most exciting format I can possibly think of." SHEIGH CRABTREE (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

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LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 2:05, 4:35, 7:00
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 2:10, 5:00, 7:40
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 2:15, 4:30, 7:10
INSIDE MAN (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:45
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 2:20, 4:45, 7:30

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

THE BENCHMARKERS (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 7:15, 9:30
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) ✓ 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) ✓ 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) ✓ 1:40, 4:25, 7:05, 9:55
ATL (PG13) 12:15, 1:35, 2:55, 4:15, 5:35, 7:00, 8:20, 9:40
BASIC INSTINCT 2 (R) 1:55, 4:55, 7:40, 10:15
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:05, 12:50, 1:30, 2:30, 3:20, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 6:30, 7:20, 8:15, 9:00, 9:50, 10:30
SLITHER (R) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 7:55, 10:05
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:05
STAY ALIVE (PG13) 12:55, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:10
SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:35, 10:00
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
V FOR VENDETTA (R) 1:05, 4:20, 7:25, 10:25
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:25

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12
Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
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THE BENCHMARKERS (PG13) ✓ 12:40, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:40, 7:40
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:20, 7:30, 8:20
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) ✓ 1:20, 4:50, 7:50
ATL (PG13) 12:20, 1:00, 3:10, 4:20, 5:40, 7:20, 8:30
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:30, 1:00, 3:10, 4:00, 5:25, 7:00, 8:10
SLITHER (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40
INSIDE MAN (R) 12:50, 4:10, 7:10
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 1:50, 5:00, 7:30

AMC UNION STATION 9
Located at Union Station
703-998-4AMC

LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) ✓ 12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:10
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 4:15, 7:10
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 4:10, 7:20
ATL (PG13) 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 8:00
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ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:00, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00
SLITHER (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:05
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:45
STAY ALIVE (PG13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15
SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) 1:15, 4:05
V FOR VENDETTA (R) 7:30

AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6
Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
703-998-4AMC

THE BENCHMARKERS (PG13) ✓ 5:40, 7:50
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) ✓ 5:30, 8:00
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 5:20, 7:50
SLITHER (R) 8:10
INSIDE MAN (R) 5:10, 8:00
LARRY THE CABLE GUY: HEALTH INSPECTOR (PG13) 5:50
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 5:40, 8:10

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220 844

THE BENCHMARKERS (PG13) 12:25, 2:40, 5:00, 7:05, 9:30
THE BENCHMARKERS (PG13) 12:25, 2:40, 5:00, 7:05, 9:30
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:15
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
ATL (PG13) 12:15, 1:15, 3:05, 4:05, 6:15, 7:15, 9:00, 10:00
BASIC INSTINCT 2 (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:40, 10:30
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:25, 9:50
SLITHER (R) 12:50, 3:05, 5:35, 7:50, 10:40
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 8:00, 10:10, 11:00
STAY ALIVE (PG13) 2:00, 4:25, 7:20, 9:40
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) 12:40, 3:10, 5:40
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

MARILYN HOTCHKISS' BALLROOM DANCING & CHARM SCHOOL (PG13) 2:00, 4:50, 7:50, 10:00
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
ASK THE DUST (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
MERRY CHRISTMAS (PG13) 1:10, 3:50, 7:00, 9:20
TSOTSI (R) 1:20, 4:30, 8:00, 10:00
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 1:40, 7:20
TRANSAMERICA (R) 4:20, 9:50
CAPOTE (R) 1:50, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
202-872-9555 711

MARILYN HOTCHKISS' BALLROOM DANCING & CHARM SCHOOL (PG13) 5:00, 7:30
ASK THE DUST (R) 5:30, 8:00
WHY WE FIGHT (PG13) 5:15, 7:50
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 4:45, 7:40
CAPOTE (R) 4:30, 7:45

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

THE BENCHMARKERS (PG13) ✓ 11:05, 1:15, 3:35, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) ✓ 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) ✓ 11:10, 1:50, 4:35, 7:35, 10:25
ATL (PG13) 12:35, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:50
BASIC INSTINCT 2 (R) 12:05, 2:45, 5:25, 8:10, 10:55
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 11:00, 11:50, 12:40, 1:30, 2:20, 3:15, 4:00, 4:40, 5:25, 6:20, 7:10, 7:55, 8:40, 9:35, 10:20
INSIDE MAN (R) 11:30, 12:30, 1:35, 2:30, 3:30, 4:25, 5:35, 6:25, 7:25, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
INSIDE MAN (R) 11:30, 2:30, 5:35, 8:30
STAY ALIVE (PG13) 12:15, 2:40, 4:55, 7:15, 9:25
SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35
THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R) 12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:45
V FOR VENDETTA (R) 12:55, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 12:25, 2:55, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

THE BENCHMARKERS (PG13) 11:00, 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:35
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:40
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:55, 10:25
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:20, 10:15
ATL (PG13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
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BASIC INSTINCT 2 (R) 12:10, 2:50, 5:35, 8:15
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 11:25, 12:25, 1:55, 2:55, 4:25, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30
SLITHER (R) 11:50, 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 10:10
INSIDE MAN (R) 11:30, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
STAY ALIVE (PG13) 11:35, 1:50, 4:20, 7:05, 9:20
SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) 11:20, 2:00, 4:35, 7:25, 9:55
V FOR VENDETTA (R) 11:15, 2:10, 5:20, 8:25
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 11:55, 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) ✓ 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) ✓ 12:40, 3:10, 5:25, 8:10, 10:25
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
ATL (PG13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25
INSIDE MAN (R) 12:00, 1:10, 2:50, 4:40, 5:40, 7:30, 8:30, 10:20
SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 12:35, 2:50
MUNICH (R) 4:50, 8:20

LOEWS WHEATON PLAZA 11
Viers Mill Rd. Btwn. Georgia & University
901-949-9202 746

THE BENCHMARKERS (PG13) ✓ 2:00, 4:10, 7:30, 9:30
THE BENCHMARKERS (PG13) 2:00, 4:10, 7:30, 9:30
LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) ✓ 2:10, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45
PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) ✓ 1:40, 4:15, 7:20, 9:40
TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) ✓ 1:05, 4:20, 7:00, 10:00
ATL (PG13) 1:15, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) 1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55
SLITHER (R) 9:20 PM
INSIDE MAN (R) 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00
STAY ALIVE (PG13) 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 8:00, 10:10
SHE'S THE MAN (PG13) 1:30, 4:25, 7:10, 9:30
FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG13) 1:50, 4:50, 7:35, 9:35
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8
8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30
SLITHER (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10
LARRY THE CABLE GUY: HEALTH INSPECTOR (PG13) 2:30, 4:40, 7:20, 9:20
THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) 1:50, 4:10, 7:00, 9:10
16 BLOCKS (PG13) 2:10, 5:00, 7:35, 9:40
AQUAMARINE (PG) 1:40, 4:05
FIREWALL (PG13) 7:30, 9:50
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) 2:40, 5:30, 8:30
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
202-966-5400 713

V FOR VENDETTA (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

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Television



HOT TUB IN THE SNOW: Get ready for “mile-high” jokes. MTV’s “The Real World” sends its latest batch of photogenic famewhores to Denver, Colo., for the show’s 18th season. Maybe they’ll wear more clothes and show some sense of propriety ... nah.

Everyday Heroes

PBS profiles people who changed the world for the better

DOCUMENTARY | The notion of a single doctor or volunteer changing the world sounds romantic but naive. The two-hour special “Rx for Survival: The Heroes” (9 p.m., PBS) profiles doctors, health workers and ordinary people who applied simple solutions to complex public-health problems.

In the 1970s, a Baltimore eye doctor learned of the problem of night blindness affecting millions of people in the developing world. He



“Rx” follows a doctor who traced night-blindness to a vitamin deficiency.

theorized that a diet of rice, devoid of any natural source of vitamin A, could be the culprit. When given the vitamin, stricken children saw dramatic and near-immediate improvements in their sight.

To his surprise, he later learned that children receiving a simple two-cent dose of the vitamin were living longer and avoiding many infectious diseases.

“Rx” also looks at a couple of British motorcycle enthusiasts who helped African villages repair and maintain two-wheeled ambulances; an engineer dedicated to bringing clean water to a Ugandan village; a pair of doctors fighting tuberculosis in Peru; and a business-led campaign to save the people of Botswana from AIDS. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

NAFTA STRIKES BACK

Shows with uncertain futures always have the most interesting season finales. **GEORGE LOPEZ** (8 p.m., ABC) wraps up its year with the news that the plant has been relocated to Mexico.

JOIN A BAND, LOSER

AMERICAN IDOL (8:30 p.m., Fox) Last week, the popular and engaging Taylor Hicks dodged a bullet, despite giving the weakest performance. On the other hand, is there anyone out there who doesn't think Chris Daughtry will win? The only suspense left is the order of elimination leading up to his coronation.

GIRLS, YOU'RE BOTH PRETTY

Cartman's war on the “Family Guy” cartoon continues on **SOUTH PARK** (10 p.m., Comedy Central). Meanwhile, the “stick



SUCKING SOUND: George Lopez and his family find their jobs threatened.

your head in the sand” movements sweeps a frightened nation.

WADDAYA MEAN '925'?

10 DAYS THAT UNEXPECTEDLY CHANGED AMERICA (9 p.m., History) recalls the Scopes “Monkey” trial of 1925. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

4.12.06	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4 News	The Simpsons	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (N) 1	American Idol (S Live) 2	Heist (N) 1	(32) Unanimous	Law & Order "Family Friend" 2	News	News	Tonight Show
WTTG 5	Seinfeld 1	The Simpsons 1	The Simpsons 1	Seinfeld 1	The Loop (N) 1	Freddie 1	Lost "S.O.S." (N) 1	(32) Unanimous	News	Geraldo at Large	Friends 1	Friends 1
WJLA 7	News	ABC Wild News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	George Lopez 1	Freddie 1	Lost "S.O.S." (N) 1	(32) Unanimous	News	News	News	Nightline
WUSA 9	News	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	The Amazing Race 9 (N) 1	Freddie 1	Criminal Minds "Machismo" (N) 2	(32) Unanimous	CSI: NY "Super Men" (N) 1	News	News	Late Show
WDCA 20	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends 1	Every-Raymond	America's Next Top Model (N) 2	Freddie 1	Veronica Mars "I Am God" 1	(32) Unanimous	The Tyra Banks Show (N) 2	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends
WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean	Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean	Rx for Survival: The Heroes (N) 1	(32) Unanimous	Rx for Survival: The Heroes (N) 1	Frontline 1	Frontline 1	Frontline 1
WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Artworks-Week	Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean	Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean	Rx for Survival: The Heroes (N) 1	(32) Unanimous	Rx for Survival: The Heroes (N) 1	Frontline 1	Frontline 1	Frontline 1
WHUT 32	Business Schl	Tavis Smiley 1	BBC World News	Moneywise	P.O.V. "Family Fundamentals" 1	P.O.V. "Family Fundamentals" 1	Breast Cancer	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley 1	Charlie Rose (N) 1	Charlie Rose (N) 1	Charlie Rose (N) 1
WBDC 50	Steve Harvey	The Parkers 1	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	One Tree Hill (N) 1	One Tree Hill (N) 1	The Bedford Diaries (N) 1	Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Will & Grace "23"	Will & Grace "23"
BASIC CABLE	A&E Cold Case Files	Crossing Jordan "Intruded" 1	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Star Wars: Empire of Dreams The trilogy becomes a phenomenon. 2	Star Wars: Empire of Dreams The trilogy becomes a phenomenon. 2	Crossing Jordan "Four Fathers" 1	Animal The Crocodile Hunter Diaries	The Most Extreme Animal mating.	Animal Report	Funnest Animals	Funnest Animals
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Access Granted	Rip the Runway	Rip the Runway	Top Chef "Food on the Fly" 2	Top Chef "Food on the Fly" 2	Top Chef "Food on the Fly" 2	Top Chef Sensual and erotic recipes.	Top Chef Cooking with octopus.	Top Chef Low-cost appetizer. (N)	Top Chef Low-cost appetizer. (N)	Top Chef Low-cost appetizer. (N)
Bravo	Top Chef Sensual and erotic recipes.	Top Chef Cooking with octopus.	Top Chef "Food on the Fly" 2	Top Chef "Food on the Fly" 2	Top Chef "Food on the Fly" 2	Top Chef "Food on the Fly" 2	Top Chef "Food on the Fly" 2	Comedy ★ "Slackers" (2002, Comedy) Devon Sawa, Jason Schwartzman. 2	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Colbert Report	Colbert Report
Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops 1	Cops 1	World's Scariest Police Shootouts! 1	World's Scariest Police Shootouts! 1	World's Scariest Police Shootouts! 1	Discovery Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Extreme Engineering	Extreme Engineering	Extreme Engineering
DISCH	Paramedics Paramedics of Reno, Nev.	Trauma: Life in the ER "Trial by Fire"	Rebuilt: The Human Body Shop	Rebuilt: The Human Body Shop	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Disney That's So Raven	Zack & Cody	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	That's So Raven
E!	Gastineau Girls	Simple Life	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Lindsay Lohan: True Hollywood Story	Dr. 90210	Simple Life	FX King of the Hill 1	King of the Hill 1	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show
HGTV	Renovation	Wknd Warriors	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	I Want-Baths	I Want-Kitchen	I Want-That! (N)	Family 7th Heaven "Holy War" 2	7th Heaven "Holy War" 2	*** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971) Gene Wilder. 2	Whose Line?	Whose Line?
History	UFO Files: Mexico's Roswell	Modern Marvels: ET Tech	The Ten Commandments (N) 2	The Ten Commandments (N) 2	10 Days That Changed America	10 Days That Changed America	10 Days That Changed America	Lifetime Golden Palace 1	Golden Palace 1	"Black Widow" (2006, Suspense) Kelly McGillis, David Lipper. 2	"We the Jury" (1996, Drama) Lauren Hutton, Kelly McGillis. 2	Will & Grace 1
MTV	Yo Momma (N) 1	Wild & Out 1	Direct Effect 1	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	NICK Ned's School	Danny Phantom	Fairly Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron
SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Maternal Instinct" 1	Ghost Hunters 1	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	TLC Martha (N) 2	The Girl With the X-Ray Eyes 2	A Face for Yulce	The Facemakers (Series Premiere) (N)	Guardian Angels, MD
SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos 2	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	TNT Charmed "Lost and Bound" 1	Law & Order "Mother's Milk" 1	Law & Order "Slaughter" 1	Law & Order "Special Victims Unit 1	Law & Order "Special Victims Unit 1
TBS	Seinfeld 1	Seinfeld 1	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	USA "John Grisham's The Rainmaker"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent 2	The Surreal Life "Movin' On In" 1	The Surreal Life	The Surreal Life
VHI	So NoTORious 1	More Beach Bods	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	The Surreal Life "Movin' On In" 1	The Surreal Life	The Surreal Life	TELEM Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemndo	La Tormenta	Tierra de Pasiones	Corazón Partido
UNIV	Que Locura	Noticiero Univ	Peregrina (N)	Peregrina (N)	Barrera de Amor (N)	Barrera de Amor (N)	Barrera de Amor (N)	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) 2	NBA Shootaround	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Detroit Pistons. (Subject to Blackout) (S Live) 2	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Warriors	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Warriors
SPORTS	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) 2	NBA Shootaround	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Detroit Pistons. (Subject to Blackout) (S Live) 2	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Detroit Pistons. (Subject to Blackout) (S Live) 2	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Detroit Pistons. (Subject to Blackout) (S Live) 2	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Detroit Pistons. (Subject to Blackout) (S Live) 2	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Detroit Pistons. (Subject to Blackout) (S Live) 2	ESPN2 Mike and Mike	Around the Horn	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) 2	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Live)	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Live)
NEWS	CNN Lou Dobbs Tonight 2	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now 2	Paula Zahn Now 2	Larry King Live 2	Larry King Live 2	Larry King Live 2	CNN Special Report (Live) 2	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) 2	Hannity & Colmes (Live) 2	On the Record-Van Susteren
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Museums

The First Amendment takes center stage at Chicago museum

It's the kind of museum that features a copy of the Declaration of Independence, a high school yearbook from a Japanese-American internment camp and the cover of 2 Live Crew's album, "As Nasty As They Wanna Be."

Chicago's McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum, which opened to the public Tuesday, is designed to help visitors, especially teenagers, understand freedoms. Its special focus is on those guaranteed by the First Amendment — freedom of speech, religion, press, assembly and petition for redress of grievances.

The museum is filled with interactive displays, and visitors can create their own personalized Bill of Rights and listen to the Founding Fathers detail the behind-the-scenes struggles over drafting documents such as the Constitution.

At one display station, visitors can don headphones and listen to snippets of songs that were challenged or banned over the decades,

including the Everly Brothers' "Wake Up Little Susie," Olivia Newton-John's "Physical," and yes, 2 Live Crew's "Me So Horny." They're also urged to decide where they stand on thorny issues such as a minister who endorses a political candidate from the pulpit, a high school student who forms a Bible study group at her public school and governmental censorship during wartime.

"We're going to be able to have debates in here, but by the end, when people walk out that door, two people of opposite political ideologies can be in agreement that our freedoms are vitally important to us," said Joe Madeira, the

museum's director of exhibits and programs.

The \$10 million museum is the work of the McCormick Tribune Foundation, a nonprofit organization that was created upon the 1955 death of Col. Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher

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TO BE YOU AND ME: Visitors can groove to the Founding Fathers and 2 Live Crew.

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of the Chicago Tribune.

The museum is located in the Tribune Tower on North Michigan Avenue. It's a stretch of the city known more for being the "Magnificent Mile" of shopping than for its cultural attractions.

Organizers expect to attract a

lot of school groups to the 10,000-square-foot, two-story museum, but hope that they draw some of those shoppers, too.

Board members wanted to differentiate their museum from places such as the National Constitution Center and the National Liberty

Museum, both in Philadelphia, and the Newseum — moving to a new home in Washington, D.C. — which was designed to promote understanding between the public and the news media.

The result was a decision to focus on freedom, through the prism of the First Amendment, said David Grange, the foundation's president and CEO.

The museum does not shy away from the times when the United States, for some of its residents, failed to live up to the Declaration of Independence's promise of "unalienable rights."

One section examines times when social movements used the First Amendment in a struggle to secure other freedoms. The cases include suffragettes, civil rights activists, Japanese-Americans interred during World War II and the Cherokee Nation, who went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court to fight their forced relocation from the Southeast but still were subject to the heartbreaking "Trail of Tears."

"We wanted people to take away a feeling of responsibility," Grange said. "You'll not only learn about issues and the importance of these freedoms, but you'll be a better informed citizen to make your own decision. ... Then as an informed citizen, take that back out on the street, take that back into your life and be a more involved citizen in the community and the country."

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By Stella Wilder

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't be tentative; after all you've done during the past week, can you afford to risk it now by being indecisive or noncommittal?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's no need to run and hide from anyone who is asking for favors; you have what it takes to grant almost everyone what he or she needs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may not feel confident enough to share your views openly with those in authority. It's important to realize the influence you can have.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Direct your anger at those who have deserved it—not those you fear will offend you in the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Focus on the positive and avoid seeing everything from the most troubling perspective. Remember: It's not all your fault.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're eager to explore uncharted territory—and you won't have to stray far from home to find it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Avoid sharing your more impractical ideas with others until you've got your feet just a little more firmly planted on the ground.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You can combine intellect and passion and come up with results that surprise even those who are supporting you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be swept off your feet by someone with a great deal of charm and style—but is there substance to back it up?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Be willing to do for others, just as you expect them to do for you. It's only an equal trade that will pay off for you.

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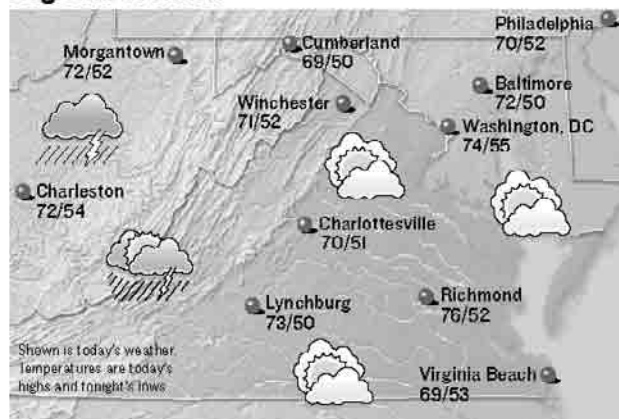
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Temperature

High	71°
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24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.26"
Normal month to date	1.02"
Year to date	7.02"
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Normal year to date	10.46"

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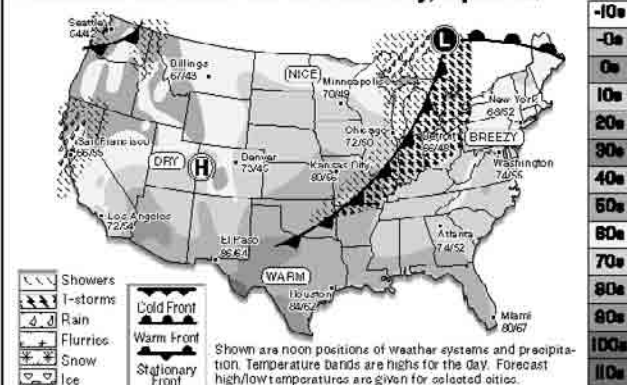
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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:37 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:42 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:59 p.m.
Moonset today	6:04 a.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, April 12



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	74/52/pc	80/57/s
Boston	68/50/s	66/48/t
Chicago	72/50/pc	76/52/pc
Dallas	86/62/pc	85/62/pc
Denver	73/45/s	81/44/s
Honolulu	82/71/pc	83/70/pc
Los Angeles	72/54/s	76/56/pc
Miami	80/67/pc	79/71/pc
New York City	68/52/e	68/52/t
Orlando	80/60/pc	82/60/pc
Seattle	54/42/r	52/44/c

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	46/42/c	50/43/pc
Athens	72/48/pc	66/48/pc
Berlin	46/36/c	46/36/pc
Buenos Aires	79/63/s	71/56/pc
Calgary	58/36/pc	54/32/pc
Dublin	50/43/c	50/41/sh
Geneva	48/36/c	49/36/pc
Moscow	48/34/c	50/46/c
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A Design for Dealing

Learning

With her new book, Dana Buchman helps other families cope

Fashion designer Dana Buchman has the Type A personality that gets things done. So when her daughter Charlotte was diagnosed at a young age with learning disabilities, Buchman thought she'd figure out a way to fix it. She believed it would just take a good attitude, good ideas and a good deal of money — just like many other things in life.

Well, she got one thing right:

Attitude has hugely affected the way Buchman, Charlotte and the rest of the family has dealt with LD. But dealing with it doesn't mean eliminating it.

Buchman put into words her experience and feelings about life as the mother of a learning-disabled child in "A Special Education: One Family's Journey Through the Maze of Learning Disabilities." It was written with the blessing of Charlotte, now a college student.

For Buchman, life with Charlotte was a constant struggle to abandon the idea of being "perfect." At one moment, back in 1986, everything was going according to plan — she was a newlywed, was pregnant and was about to launch her



Clothing designer Dana Buchman and her elder daughter/book subject, Charlotte.

namesake label as Liz Claiborne's higher-end brand.

But then she had a colicky baby, who soon started missing "milestones," such as the age she should've started crawling or walking. Buchman started to dread toddlerhood as she began to worry if something was wrong.

Buchman makes a point of using the initials LD instead of "learning disabled" whenever possible. She says LD should stand for "learning differences."

With Charlotte now at a mainstream New England college, the family dynamic has changed again. "Charlotte was in all LD schools her whole life. She was protected, but those 12 years of school were also 12 years of doing what she's not good at. Now she can work to her strengths," Buchman explains. "Her leaving for college was bittersweet, but our main job as parents is to prepare them to leave."

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

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“... Various zombies keep showing up and eating people ...
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... Baby, when you walk out of a movie thinking, 'Say, that Heather Locklear was pretty darn good,' the movie's got some problems ...”

Stephen Hunter | Film Critic

Fridays in Style and Weekend

The Washington Post

Styles

Look out



Alexander McQueen's is venturing into sportswear with his riffs on sneakers for Puma.

Couture Kicks

Designer sneaks are running high and fast

We're not sure if it's something in the water, or if it's a case of keeping up with the Joneses, but high-fashion designers and artists just can't stay away from collaborations with sportswear brands ... and the pairings keep getting better.

The most recent partnership is Alexander McQueen's new line for Puma, which debuted last week at the Puma Black Store in New York to a crowd of McQueen Mania — there was barely a foot of space to move at the launch party, which turned away guests after the first hour due to overcapacity.

McQueen's take on Puma, which marks the designer's first venture into sportswear, is based around the human anatomy. The shoes will break the bank at a price range of \$250 to \$330, but these are no ordinary kicks.

The collection uses butter-soft leather woven into patchwork patterns, metallic finishes, unique details like side lacing, web-like overlays, and even silver charms that dangle from lace holes.

There even exists a "statement piece" for the collection — an impression of the designer's own left foot cast in a transparent sole, appropriately titled, "My Left Foot Bound." How McQueen.

And McQueen's Meat Packing District neighbor, Stella McCartney, recently announced the extension of her successful partnership with Adidas. The line, which launched in February of 2005 has seen a triple-digit growth in sales since its inception, and will

now run until 2010. McCartney's new Wintersports collection for Fall 2006 features a super stylish two-in-one moon boot that envelopes the foot for optimal warmth without compromising fashion.

Fall 2006 for Reebok doesn't boast the designs of any couture creators like McQueen or McCartney, but worth

checking out is the collection created by Japanese designer Koyomi. His shoe collection for Reebok, in stores July 1st, will bear a different design reflecting Japanese culture for every month of the year. We recommend the purple and red infused color scheme of the April shoe, designed to pay homage to Japan's cherry blossom season. For \$150 to \$200 per pair, however, don't plan on keeping up with the calendar change.

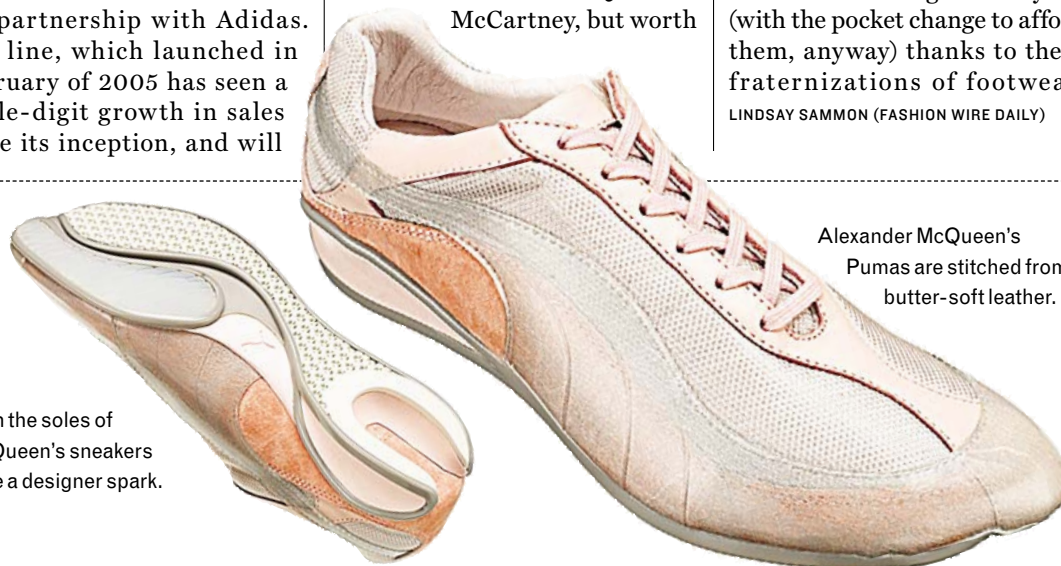
Converse, still reveling in the success of its shoe collaboration with John Varvatos, will soon be calling upon other designers, musicians, and filmmakers for a little do-gooding.

As a participating company in Project Red, an initiative started by Bono, Armani and Bobby Shriver to help fund the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, Converse will be working with celebrated artists each season to create an item for the socially conscious line.

The beginning of this month marked the company's first collaboration with British designer Giles Deacon, who created the limited-edition Chuck Taylor All Star African Mudcloth Shoe. Inspired by renowned mudcloth artist Nakunte Diarra, this shoe showcases the artistry and tradition of the mud-dyed clothes that represent Mali culture.

From couture sneakers to works of art to shoes with a heart, there is something for everyone (with the pocket change to afford them, anyway) thanks to these fraternizations of footwear.

LINDSAY SAMMON (FASHION WIRE DAILY)



Alexander McQueen's Pumas are stitched from butter-soft leather.

Even the soles of McQueen's sneakers have a designer spark.

Home



Hair Dryer, Meet Cell Phone

The homes of gadget freaks are universally littered with powerstrips and extension cords — not necessarily because there's that much to plug in, but because scads of items now come with chargers or adapters so large they cover two full wall outlets. And turning plugs upside-down only works when they're not polarized. This is why **360 ELECTRICAL'S DUPLEX OUTLETS** are the best invention since Reduced Fat Cheezits. Each faceplate holds two outlets, and each outlet rotates, yup, 360 degrees — with a satisfying clicking sound, to boot. Five colors (white, almond, light almond, ivory, black) and a screw-free, snap-on faceplate add to this device's considerable charm. Sign up at 360electrical.com to be notified when this little life-changer goes on sale. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

Hair

Get Big and Bent

A lot of product boilerplate is empty boasting. But you may take John Paul Mitchell at his word when he says **THICKEN UP STYLING LIQUID** (\$13, drugstores) imparts "healthy, larger-than-life hair with bendable texture and shine." Let's deconstruct this claim. Larger-than-life? Yes. This does not make thin hair fluffy. It makes it "Dynasty" big. Bendable? While hair generally bends with or without product, Thicken Up rendered it stiff enough to stay bent. Our serving suggestion: Use the stuff for body and hold when wrangling thin hair into an updo. H.J.M.





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David married SUCH a clotheshorse.

CLOTHING

'Yes, It's Cashmere. With a Touch of Elton John Sweat'

ELTON JOHN is selling thousands of pieces of his personal wardrobe to raise money for his AIDS charity. The sale, through Saturday, includes 10,000 coats, sweaters, suits and other garments worn by John and partner David Furnish. A temporary shop, Elton's Closet, was set up at Rockefeller Center in Manhattan for the sale. (AP)



DANNY MOLOSHOK/AP

SUSPICIOUS

Don't Judge, Y'all

Child welfare officials and a sheriff's deputy visited the Malibu, Calif., home of **BRITNEY SPEARS**, Kevin Federline and baby Sean Preston, but declined to say Tuesday whether they were investigating the parents. The Sheriff's Department said it was a DCFS matter and couldn't release any information. (AP)

PERPLEXING!

'If I Say a Bad Thing And Nobody Records It, Did I Really Say It?'

MICHAEL DOUGLAS

says he was misquoted in GQ. In the story by Jeanne Marie Laskas, Douglas said: "I don't know about Brad Pitt, leaving that beautiful wife to go hold orphans



"Man, quantum theory just saved my sorry butt!"

for Angelina."

He told "Extra" he didn't say it.

"I asked to hear the tape recording and the

reporter said, 'Well, I turned

the tape recorder off.'" Andy Ward, GQ's executive editor, said the quote was from Laskas' notebook. (AP)



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RELICS

Paleolithic J.Lo Husband Found by Archaeologists

JENNIFER LOPEZ is suing ex-husband Ojani Noa, claiming he demanded \$5 million to keep him from publishing a book containing private details. In the lawsuit filed Monday in Los Angeles, Lopez alleged that Noa violated a confidentiality agreement by distributing the manuscript to publishers. (AP)

J.Lo's long-forgotten early husbands may have walked with the dinosaurs.



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Go West! | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

- ACROSS
- 1 Clues, to a detective

6 Soho stroller

10 Whiskey ingredient

14 God in the Quran

15 King's Christine, for one

16 First name among the "The Sopranos" cast

17 John Wayne oater of 1944

20 Prince Hirobumi

21 Impecunious

22 Grand searches

23 Some might cover fires

25 Salad type

26 Good friend

27 Abrasive particles

28 "The _____ Squad"

31 Go around, as an issue

34 "Guinness World Records" entry, e.g.

35 Vaudeville dancer's prop, often

36 Broadway premiere of 1946

39 Knox or Sumter, e.g.

40 Sciences partner

41 Cacophonous

42 It sounds just like you

43 Broadway production

44 Menacing sight in "Jaws"

45 Break in the
- action

46 Vacillated

50 Pick partner

53 Have feelings

54 Japanese capital, once

55 Marlene Dietrich Western (1952)

58 Cousin of a beluga

59 World's longest river

60 Errant shot

61 Something to slip on?

62 Exchange verbal blows

63 Fished for morays, e.g.
- DOWN
- 1 Word with lover or America

2 Buoy one's spirits

3 Give permission

4 Lentil dish

5 Fellow crew member

6 "Cry, the Beloved Country" author

7 Rhine valley region

8 Avoided a hunger strike

9 Little biter

10 Euripides tragedy

11 Interjects

12 Happy tune

13 Props in football and golf

18 December air

19 Reunion attendee, perhaps

24 Diagonal nautical pole

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- 25 Restaurant supplies
- 27 Tycoon J. Paul
- 28 Star witnesses?
- 29 Difficult obligation
- 30 "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" word
- 31 Sound partner
- 32 Have no doubts
- 33 Concerning
- 34 In a wild state
- 35 Beldame
- 37 Ships of Spain
- 38 Cosmologist's concern
- 43 Word on a door, perhaps

- 44 Casino game
- 45 Type of news
- 46 It covers most of the Earth
- 47 Lubricate again
- 48 Draw out
- 49 Administered medicine
- 50 Jockey's tool
- 51 Snowshoe rabbit, for one
- 52 Fairy tale opener
- 53 Soda flavor
- 56 Puppy bite
- 57 _____de-France (Paris and vicinity, once)

Yesterday's Solution

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Today in History

1606

England's King James I decreed the design of the original Union Flag (also referred to as the Union Jack), which combined the flags of England and Scotland.

1861

The American Civil War began as Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

1934

"Tender Is the Night," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published.

1945

President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga., at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

1955

The Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

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Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's Solution

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3	6	8	4	9	1	2	5	7
8	2	9	7	5	6	3	1	4
1	5	4	3	8	2	7	9	6
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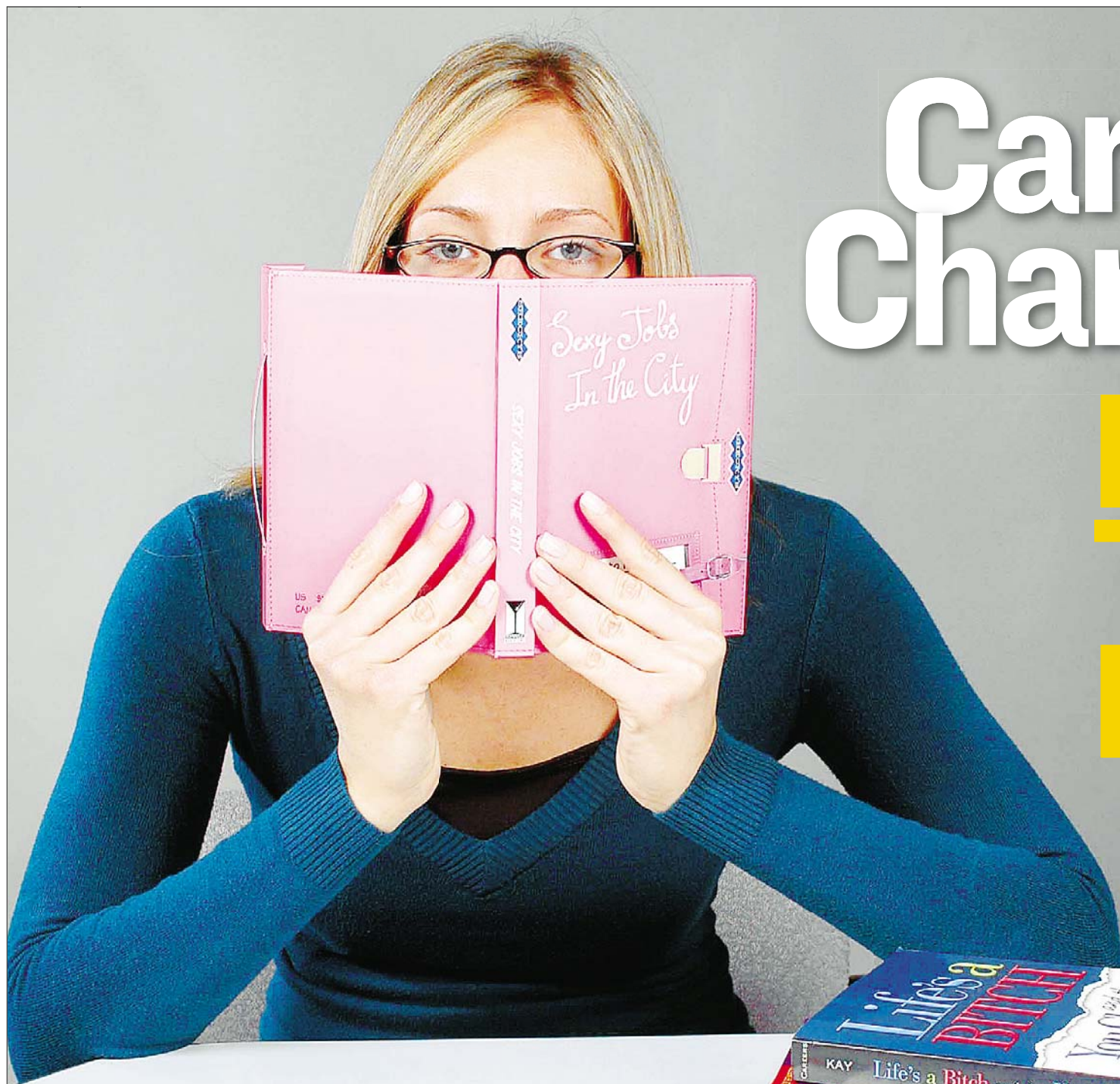
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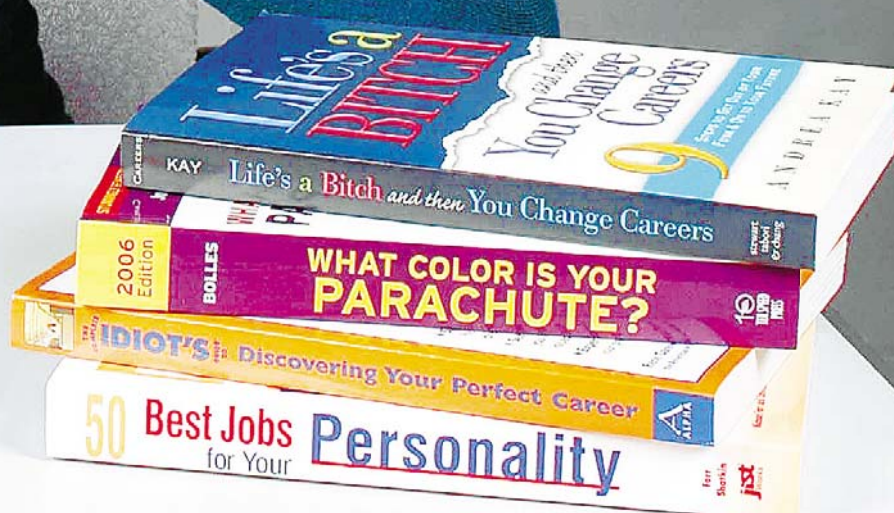


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Getting Ahead

Put Me in, Career Coach!

Rewriting your work game plan with help from job-shift pros

After working in mortgage banking for 10 years, Derek Harding, 48, of Rockville, was tired of his job. "The public perception [of this field] is that you are going to cheat them," he said. "People become very combative. I did not need the hassle." Harding was also frustrated by working on a straight-commission salary basis, which he found to be a financial "feast or famine" situation.

The problem was, he had no idea what he wanted to do next. So he decided to consult a pro — Anne Headley, a College Park-based career counselor — to help him chart his future. Initially, he



DEAR SIR OR MADAM: Career counselor Anne Headley, left, advises a client on cover-letter writing. "People write really canned cover letters," said Headley. "I tell my clients to have fun — throw in a quote or some humor to show their individuality."

was skeptical. But, he said, "contrary to everything I thought, she changed my mind. She was very concise and targeted with her observations."

During three months of sessions at Headley's office, Harding took several career aptitude tests. Headley also counseled him extensively, helping him define new career goals and interests.

Test results suggested Harding had a knack for computers, so Headley suggested he look at related fields. "Prior to talking to her, I wanted nothing to do with computers," said Harding. "It wasn't so much the testing, but the way she presented it" that changed his mind.

Harding attended a computer-training school for six months. After finishing, he landed a job



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as a system administrator at Gaithersburg's Johnson Controls, Inc. He's been there for seven years. "Now I enjoy my career immensely," Harding said. "I do not have the combative native nature [for] mortgage banking."

Like Harding, many mid-career professionals now seek guidance about their next move. "I see clients who feel that they're truly stuck," said Karen James Chopra, a D.C.-based career counselor. "Counselors can show them the way out."

Most people change careers a minimum of three times in their professional lifetimes, said Melissa Fireman, a career counselor at the Women's Center in Vienna. But, she said, "People sometimes don't take a look at their careers until there is a crisis."

According to Peter Manzi of the non-profit National Career Development Association, "I think some people still favor a do-it-yourself approach [when switching fields], but a career counselor can provide good feedback, support and constructive suggestions. They know the labor market, subtle things about resumes and how to conduct an interview."

Counselors can even point out ways that your current job may have prepared you for a different one, sometimes with no additional education required. Used to chatting people up as a reporter? You might make a fine public relations rep. Love tinkering with the computers at your government job? Maybe you should train to enter the IT world instead.

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NETWORKING KNOW-HOW

ANNE HEADLEY, a College Park career counselor, urges clients to network anytime and anywhere — at the gym, the dog park, wherever. She even encourages her clients to get their resumes out and start editing them when riding the Metro. "You never know who you'll meet," she said.

To make connections, you can also try more traditional networking groups like the American Marketing Association (marketingpower.com), Greater Washington Board of Trade (bot.org), The Creative Network (justshowup.com), Washington Network Group (washingtonnetworkgroup.com) and Women Building and Investing in Success (wbis.biz). S.R.A.

use in a career shift," said Dr. Margaret Taibi, dean of Student Development Services at Prince George's Community College, which provides job-changing counseling to the general public. "The worst thing is to walk away from your job without taking the time to think it through."

Coaches and counselors help

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wannabe job-switchers work through what they want to work at during in-person sessions and sometimes, phone-in consultations. They assist clients with big questions (career goals, what do I want to be?) as well as nuts-and-bolts issues like beefing up

on their networking and interviewing skills. They'll even help clients with resume-writing and salary negotiations.

By last summer, Teri Westwater, 56, of Gaithersburg, had been working in the federal government for 30 years. She wanted to segue into the private sector, but wasn't sure how to do it.

So she hired Washington career coach Mary Ann Blackwell, who helped her craft a resume more suited to private industry, gave her interview pointers, and, perhaps most importantly, boosted her confidence. "I'm a little shy," said Westwater, who soon found a new job at a research company.

Sometimes counselors and coaches simply help clients realize they're working in a field that doesn't fit their disposition. Take Dorie Hightower, 52, of Silver Spring, who consulted with Headley about five years ago. A marketing manager at an architectural firm, she was very unhappy, but didn't know why. Through her sessions with Headley, Hightower learned that her extroverted nature signaled that she craved a job with more human contact. "I found out that

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During career-counseling sessions, Anne Headley, right, gives clients interview-pointers, networking tips and, often, a much-needed boost in self confidence.

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characteristics needed to match the job," Hightower said.

This led her to a public affairs position at the National Cancer Institute, where she interacts with people all day long. "[Headley] really opened up my options," said Hightower.

And sometimes, people choose to consult these working-world mechanics simply for a tune-up. Blackwell encourages her clients to come in for a yearly assessment, even if they are happy in their current jobs. "You empower a person to do better for themselves," she said.

Jeff Barnes, 34, of Alexandria, consulted with Blackwell after graduating from James Madison University in 1995. She helped him find a job as a Congressional staffer on Capitol Hill; last year she advised him again, this time on how he could transfer his Hill skills to another field. At Blackwell's suggestion, Barnes parlayed his

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D.C. CAREER COUNSELOR

political fund-raising skills into a new job in sales and marketing at a small company.

And yes, all this guided soul-and job-searching comes at a price. Career counselors, who more than likely have a bachelor's or master's degree in counseling, charge \$100 to \$150 hour.

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GET TO KNOW THE PROS

CAREER COACHES and counselors can be found online through a number of organizations. Anne Headley, a College Park-based career counselor, advises job seekers to carefully interview prospective coaches and counselors to find out if that person has the right qualifications and skills to help you. "Any time someone wants you to sign a contract, be cautious," she said. You also need to feel comfortable with whomever you choose. Most coaches and counselors work on an hourly basis. A few resources to check out:

- International Coach Federation, coachfederation.org.
- National Board for Certified Counselors, nbcc.org.
- National Career Development Association, ncda.org. s.r.a.

to be licensed; licensing requirements for career counselors vary by state.

Lower-priced guidance options include services provided by community centers and organizations such as the Women's Center, which offers counseling, workshops and job-aptitude testing for both sexes at its locations in Vienna and the District. Sessions cost \$65 to \$85 per hour, but low-income job seekers qualify for reduced fees.

Even if you're decades out of State U, your alma mater can still help you decide what color that proverbial parachute is. Some colleges and universities even offer online advising or searchable alumni directories for networking purposes. And while most schools limit their services to students and alumni, Prince George's

“What I do now is so much more important to the organization than what I did in my previous job.”

RICH REICHLEY
HIRSHHORN MUSEUM

Community College and Northern Virginia Community College offer free career advice to the general public.

Rich Reichley, 42, of Potomac, graduated from American University back in 1996, then went on to the University of California,

Los Angeles, for an MBA. This led him to a job in operations and project management at Intel Corp., but, “it was very unfulfilling for me,” he said.

Reichley dreamed of working at a museum or gallery, but didn't know how to make the jump between the high-tech and the high-art world. So he contacted alumni career counselor Anne Kirschgessner at American, who suggested that he meet with Professor Robert Goler in the arts management department.

This started a string of introductions and networking opportunities for Reichley. After meeting with Golar and connecting with another alum conducting a similar job search in the non-profit world, Reichley eventually was hired as the Hirshhorn Museum's finan-

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cial manager. “What I do now is so much more important to the organization than what I did in my previous job,” he said. “Art is more fascinating than making silicon chips.” SHARON REED ABBOTT

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Copies of "What Color is Your Parachute" line career-counseling offices across the country, and "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" still seems like the de rigueur gift for new grads (or your confused, constantly job-shifting roommate). But other "what-the-heck-am-I-gonna-

do-next?" books crowd the careers section at the bookstore, and many can be helpful (or amusing, at least) when looking for an escape hatch or a new direction. Here are a few we test-read:

"The Complete Idiot's Guide to Discovering Your Perfect Career" by Rene Carew (\$16.95, Alpha)

10-SECOND BOOK REPORT: Like most volumes in this annoyingly named

series (really, can complete idiots read?), this guide urges readers to ask themselves many questions and make lots of lists. It also doles out tons of quick, easy-to-digest advice.

Short, simple-to-parse chapters deal with tasks like finding a job that matches your interests, figuring out if you need additional education to change fields and sussing out your elusive "dream career." The last, says a recent study by

CareerBuilder.com, is something a whopping 75 percent of us are still trying to do.

Sections on matching jobs to your personality (Adventurous? Be a pilot! Artsy? Be a graphic designer!) seem a little, well, idiotic.

But a section on self-employment offers insight on the freelance life and showcases one of the book's strengths: making readers consider how their lifestyles and life's work can smoothly merge.

CHOICE ADVICE: "The six degrees of separation theory maintains that the person you want to meet is only six people away from you through your network of people you know. For example, you know Tom, Tom knows Joe, Joe knows Sandra, Sandra knows Jane, Jane knows Bob, and Bob is looking to hire someone for the position in which you are interested."

SKIP: The long lists of "jobs that fit my skills." They seem too general. And why do "funeral director" and "sculptor" both fall under a "data skills" heading?

BEST FOR: Folks who want lots of information and options in an easy-to-read and well-indexed place. This Idiot's book also seems

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like a good choice for people contemplating radical changes — lobbyist to farmer, funeral director to sculptor — since it embraces alternative visions for success.

NOT FOR: People who hate to write down their thoughts (there are lots of fill-in-the-blank questions here), anyone insulted by that whole Idiot's label.

"50 Best Jobs for Your Personality" by J. Michael Farr and Laurence Shatkin (\$16.95, Jist Works)

10-SECOND BOOK REPORT: OK, you can almost see some high-school guidance counselor administering the simple personality-assessment tests that begin this book. Six sec-



What color is your job-change book? We read the latest career-pondering tomes — from a girly guide to glam jobs to the latest "Parachute" — to help you decide.

tions — each with around 30 yes, no or maybe-type questions — help pinpoint if you're "realistic," "investigative," "conventional," etc.

On the surface, the categories and results seemed pretty predictable, but this reviewer was shocked to find that while, *mais oui*, she was well-suited to "artistic" jobs like being a writer or movie director, she also scored off the charts in the "investigative" category. (Watch out, boss, a couple of classes in electrical engineering or physics, and I'm outta here!)

Basically, readers take the tests, add up their scores to see which category they scored highest in, then turn to sections listing the 50 best jobs for those well-defined types.

Government data from the Department of Labor's O*NET (Occupational Information Network) database and the U.S. Census Bureau (job-growth rates, average annual earnings and number of yearly openings) determines the rankings. For instance, the best "artistic job" requiring just a bachelor's: Graphic designer, which the numbers say pays an average of \$36,630 a year and boasts 29,000 openings annually in the U.S.

CHOICE ADVICE: "The people you work with must share your personality traits so that you feel comfortable, and can accomplish good work in their company."

SKIP: Reading this thing cover to

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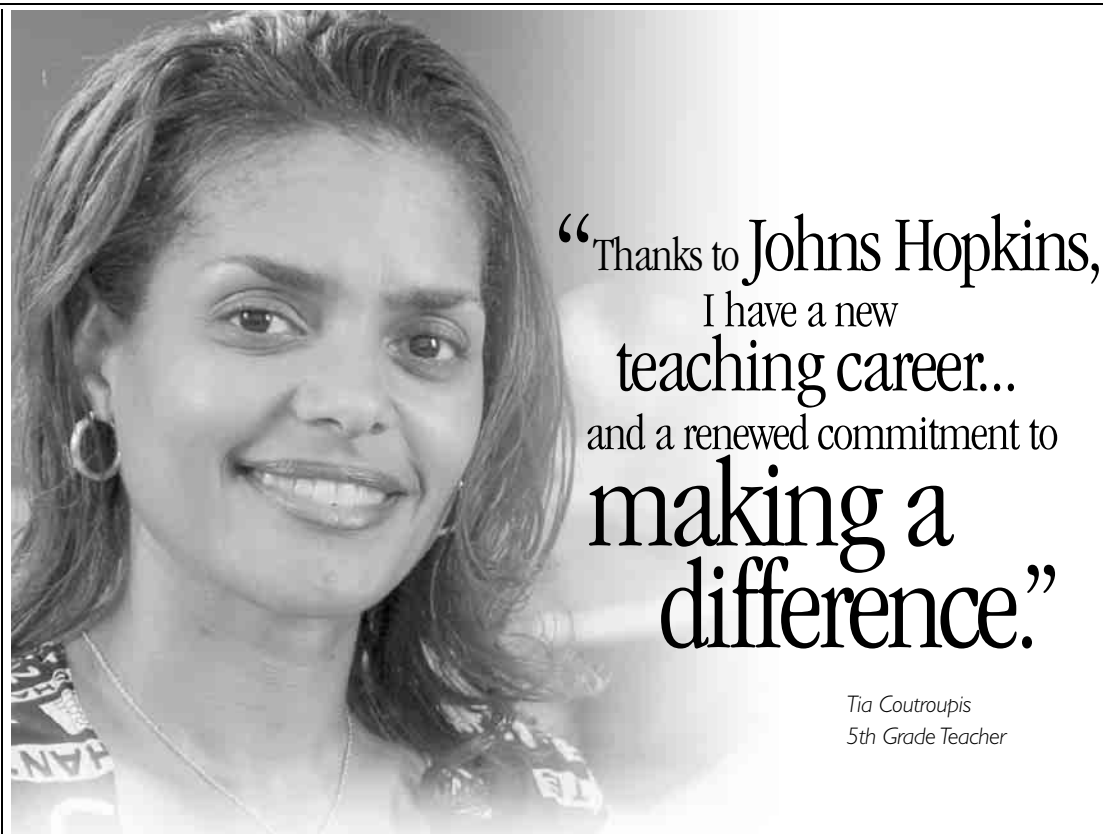
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FLIRTING WITH A NEW FIELD? Career-changing advice books use touchy-feely, Oprah magazine-ish quizzes, U.S. government data, flower-drawing exercises and even a few modern dating rules to help readers discover how to change lanes.

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cover. It's a reference book, clear and simple, and while it's great for comparing data on similar jobs — curse you, art directors, who seem to make, on average, \$20,000 a year more than editors! — there's really no need for anyone who didn't score high on the "realistic" job test to know the difference between "tractor-trailer truck drivers" and "truck drivers, heavy."

BEST FOR: Researching salaries when considering a job switch, those who delight in government statistics or researching what their neighbors might be earning.

NOT FOR: Anyone looking for one of those inspirational, "how-can-I-fix-my-life" tomes.

"Life's a Bitch and Then You Change Careers" by Andrea Kay (\$15.95, Stewart, Tabori & Chang)

10-SECOND BOOK REPORT: Kay, a nationally syndicated career-columnist for Gannett, leads readers through "nine steps to get out of your funk and on to your future."

She uses stories of real-life change artists (a garment-district worker-turned-opera singer, a teacher who used to be a cop), detailed worksheets and lots of advice.

Kay encourages serious soul-searching, aka "getting at that restless gnawing," by going through a series of questions and exercises in her book. The idea is that, by making lists of "joyful skills" (things you

enjoy doing), examining work-world trends (the need for epidemiologists is spreading like, um, a plague!) and choosing "targets" (people or organizations you'd like to work for), you can make a satisfying career change.

At times the book comes across like a combination of Oprah magazine and a touchy-feely homework session, but it seems like a good choice for people who are truly perplexed about what to do next.

CHOICE ADVICE: "No matter how big or small the [career] change, you are going to feel discomfort. It is to be expected. So let chaos reign."

SKIP: Recipes for "relaxing teas" made from quizzical, surely hard-to-find ingredients like milky oat

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tops and something called bupleurum. Kay suggests you whip up the strange brews, and then sip them while contemplating new careers. Better, perhaps, to take a head-clearing run, or read this book with an after-work glass of Pinot.

BEST FOR: Fans of Dr. Phil, those who love to take tests and make lists.

NOT FOR: Anyone impatient for change or looking for quick nuggets of advice.

"Sexy Jobs in the City: How to Find Your Dream Job Using the Rules of Dating" by Wendy Straker (\$12.95, Hangover Media)

10-SECOND BOOK REPORT: This pink-covered, pocket-sized volume looks (and reads) a bit like "Bridget Jones' Job-Hunting Diary."

But despite its silly title and premise, "Sexy" dispenses some surprisingly good career advice. Glam fields like TV, advertising and music are presented as "bachelors" who female readers might want to get to know.

Interviews with industry leaders and entrepreneurs (the founder of Web site Dailycandy.com, a story editor at "Sex and the City") give ideas on how to claw your way into highly competitive businesses.

A sad-but-funny section near the end details "The Relationship" with hellish, entry-level experiences — an advertising minion forced to dress up as a hamburger when working on the Burger King account, an editorial assistant whose real job title should've been Boss Man's Sushi Fetcher and Furniture Orderer.

CHOICE ADVICE: "In the same way that you should never pick a man for his money, you should never pick a job for it either. Pick a job for the same reasons you would pick your ideal mate: a sense of support, warmth, morality and the opportunity for growth."

SKIP: The Cosmo magazine-like section on how what's hanging in your closet indicates the career for you. Trendy clothes in your armoire do

not necessarily mean you'd make a good entertainment executive.

BEST FOR: People interested in hard-to-enter, artsy fields, wannabe Carrie Bradshaws, young women and those not embarrassed to read a bubble gum-hued book when riding on the Metro.

NOT FOR: Most men, even metrosexuals.

"The 2006 What Color is Your Parachute?" by Richard Nelson Bolles (\$17.95, Ten Speed Press)

10-SECOND BOOK REPORT: "Stunningly Revised." "Still the Best-Selling Job-Hunting Book in the World!" Anyone who believes the cover hype on this 35th edition of the career-finding bible would never buy another job-advice book. And indeed, like a kind of New Testament for want-ad scanners, "Parachute" overflows with good news: There are always vacancies! You can do anything you want to!

Thus empowered, readers use both tried-and-true "Parachute" techniques (drawing that big flower diagram with your fave skills, values, salary, etc.) and newer methods (Internet searches) to job-hunt, change careers or start a home-based business.

CHOICE ADVICE: "Job hunting is more like dating than any other human activity we might compare it to... [It is] basically a protracted conversation between two people ... Do I like you? Do you like me? Do we want to take a chance on going steady?"

SKIP: If you don't like Bolles' slightly preachy writing and occasional dips into faith-based thought. (See "How to Find Your Mission in Life: God and One's Vocation.")

BEST FOR: Job hunters who crave a basic, wryly written self-help guide, those seeking lots of resources (career counselors, Web sites).

NOT FOR: People looking for a quick fix: This "Parachute" thuds in at over 400 pages. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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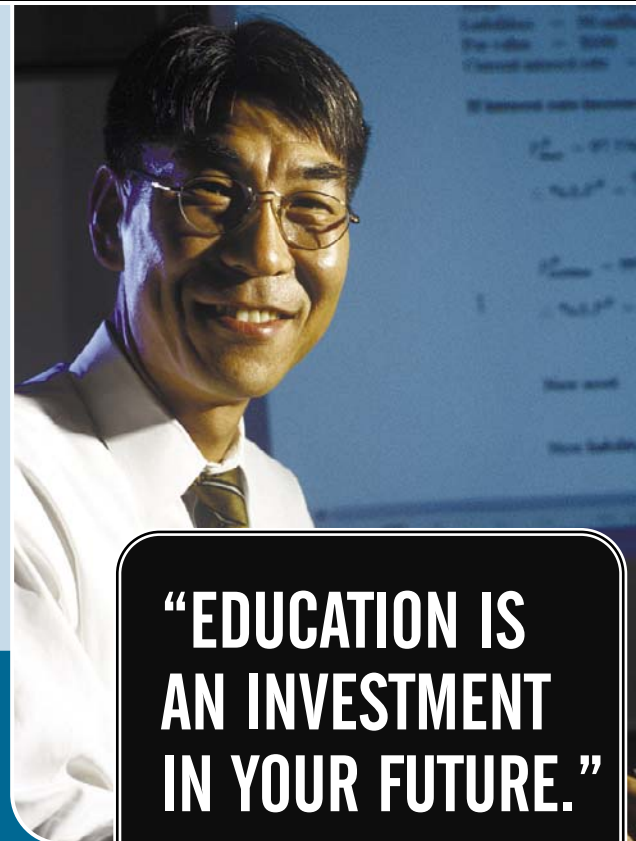
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The fellowship wasn't the only thing that propelled his ascent, but it did put him in contact with a number of the people who would eventually help him achieve this powerful post.

For people interested in getting into government, whether it's a Hill staff position or an agency gig, Brookings fellowships are just one example of continuing education programs within the Beltway. They're aimed at professionals both in and out of the government. All allow students to beef up on poli-



GETTING INSIDER SCOOP: Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) recently gave a talk to participants in a Brookings Institution "Inside Congress" executive-education seminar. This session took place at the Rayburn House Office Building on the Hill.

tics or government affairs, often in a very hands-on way.

From full-time masters programs to one-day seminars, D.C.-area schools and federal agencies boast numerous programs to teach students at every interest level about the basics or complex details of government and politics.

"You're dropped into the middle of an event and see things from all sides," Lockwood said of his year as a Brookings fellow. "You perceive Congress differently when you work there."

Brookings has a number of executive education programs that are much less exhaustive than its fellowship. The institution offers varied programs in domestic and foreign policy, as well as a number of individually tailored leadership seminars and symposiums for corporate executives, federal employees and anyone with a lingering interest in public affairs.

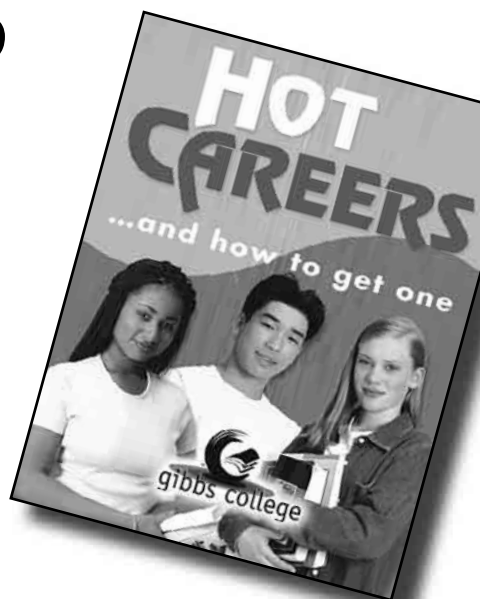
Some of the shorter seminars include "Inside Congress: Understanding the Legislative Process," "Congress and the Economy" and "U.S. National Security Policy Issues." These Brookings sessions run anywhere from two days to five days. Costs range from \$1,375 to \$4,475 (the latter includes lodging fees, since

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some seminars take place outside of Washington, D.C.).

The itinerary of these very insider D.C. programs varies from one course to the next, but Terry Goodwin, senior director of the Brookings Center for Executive Education, said all programs tend to be very interactive. This means big-name guest lecturers from inside the government — like members of Congress, White House staffers and various agency appointees — who are drawn by Brookings' status as Washington's oldest think tank.

In 2005, former South African President Nelson Mandela, former National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft and Senator Joseph Biden (D-Del.) addressed groups.

Program organizers go to great lengths to schedule unique settings for each discussion, including cabi-

net agencies, the Federal Reserve Board and congressional offices on Capitol Hill.

That reputation also opens many of the doors that would otherwise be closed. "Because Brookings is non-partisan, barriers just go away," Goodwin said. "Because we can cover all sides of an argument, we can present a very balanced program."

"Inside Congress" and "Inside Washington" are two of the Institution's signature programs. Peter Schoettle, who organizes the "Inside Congress" seminars, does both a general program and one tailored to employees of particular federal agencies. Most participants in the Brookings programs are government professionals who would like to learn more about the political process.



Capitol Hill is easy to scale for those who've taken policy and politics courses from Brookings Institution, American University or George Washington University.

Schoettle wants participants to gain an appreciation of the Capitol's heady blend of people and politics as well as of its often frenzied pace, so he schedules most of the seminars and meals in congressional office buildings when Congress is in session.

Seminar schedules are packed with presentations from lawmakers, their staffs, reporters and lobbyists. Far from dry presentations, the sessions usually turn into lively, open discussions. Wannabe policy wonks have ample opportunities to ask questions.

"They get a real feeling for the flavor of the place," Schoettle said. "It's totally different from a classroom environment."

During a recent four-day class for officials from the Centers for

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QUESTIONS, PLEASE: Participants in Brookings Institute executive education programs get the chance to chat informally with well-known lawmakers, like Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.), pictured at a recent session in the Rayburn Office Building.

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Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) addressed a group of 20 officials about the intricacies of legislating over lunch in a basement banquet room of the Rayburn House Office Building. Simpson spent an hour with the group, during which the CDC officials had about 20 minutes to ask the congressman questions.

Simpson, a dentist before entering elected politics, focused his remarks on health policy — including a brief lecture about why it is better to brush your teeth before

rather than after meals (it disrupts the bacteria).

In particular, the conservative Republican spent much of his time trying to explain the budget constraints that create so much tension between Congress and the numerous agencies throughout the executive branch.

"I just try to be honest," Simpson said afterward. The congressman has spoken to similar Brookings groups in the past. He finds such sessions a good opportunity for lawmakers to explain political realities to the very people affected by them. "We need to do a better job

of informing the public about what we do."

The Brookings courses aren't the only government-centric continuing education programs in the Washington region. American and George Washington universities both offer degree and non-degree programs in government and political management for professionals in and out of the government.

American University's School of Public Affairs offers a number of certificate programs in political management and strategy, said Jacqueline Linde, the program's assistant dean of market

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ing, admissions and outreach. Most notable is the school's Campaign Management Institute, an intensive two-week course offered twice a year. The program immerses participants in the political process via presentations and workshops about the basics of fund-raising, media strategies and get-out-the-vote drives. The school offers a similar program in public affairs.

The Graduate School of Political Management at George Washington University focuses on enhancing skills of political pros through hands-on workshops on topics like lobbying, fund-raising, campaign management and polling.

The school also has an individual five-course program for

the managers of political action committees.

Many of these continuing education programs are meant to serve as supplementary education to the army of federal employees in the Washington area. Often, despite years in the business, they have an incomplete understanding of the political process, despite its obvious effect on their lives.

For example, Lockwood had already been working at the Pentagon as an acquisition officer when he was accepted as a LEGIS fellow at Brookings. The Navy paid his salary while he was working on Capitol Hill, and his goal was to find a good chief of staff to teach him the inter-workings of Congress.

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He was placed in the office of then-Maryland Rep. Bob Ehrlich (R) and spent the year working on national security issues. It ended up being an intense time: Lockwood

was in the Ehrlich office on Sept. 11, 2001, and after Ehrlich was elected governor of Maryland Nov. 5, 2002. Lockwood joined his transition team. He eventually served as his

Homeland Security adviser and deputy director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security before joining the Department of Homeland Security in April 2004.

Lockwood entered the Brookings fellowship with an already considerable resume, but he credits his time on Capitol Hill for teaching him practical politics in a way nothing else could. The experience also gave him valuable contacts with a number of members, staff and constituents.

"You need to break routine," Lockwood said of his reasons for enrolling in the program. "You can't do a job as a staffer and not have a better appreciation for people."

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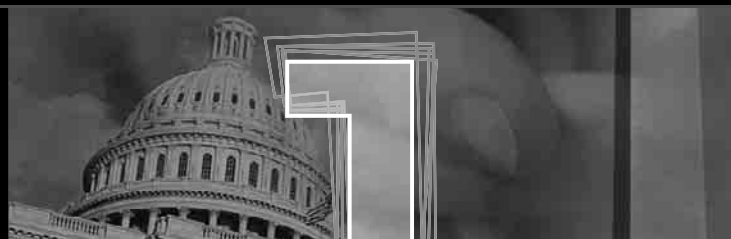
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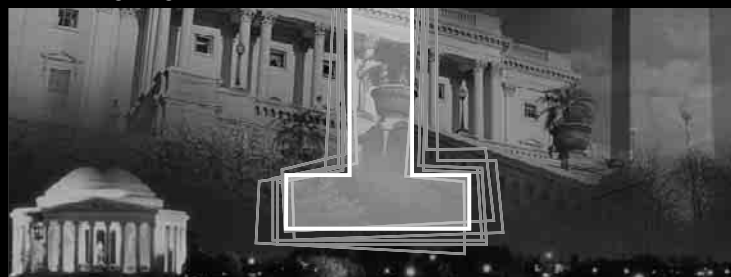
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I just finished a report for my supervisor, who will give it to a client. I had been working many hours on this project. My supervisor found a mistake — I used the wrong number in a drawing. Well, she caught it today and said "This was a huge, inexcusable mistake." I work in a cube farm, so everyone heard it. What can I do to better this situation?

Ugh. I'm sorry. Nothing like a kick in the gut to start the day. Put it in perspective: Mistakes happen.

The best way to get over it and move on is to acknowledge it (which you did), think about the lesson you learned (darn it, time to figure out a new way to fact-check everything every time), and move on as a wiser worker.

The more good work you do, the less anyone will remember this mistake. And really, you're probably thinking about it more than they are or will.

I've been at my current job for only about four months, but I've realized it's not a good fit and am very unhappy. I'm starting to look again.

Should I address the issue of having been here for only a short period of time on my cover letters? What should I say if asked about it?

Leave it out of the cover letter. If asked about it, which you will be, explain that you discovered it wasn't a good fit because your skills are best used (fill in the blank) and you realize now what IS a good fit. Then move on to talk about your reasons for interviewing at this particular company.

And remember: It happens. Everyone seems to have one of those "oops, wrong job" scenarios. It's a learning experience, and most employers will recognize that.

I'm going in for a second interview for a job today. This was unexpected — the job opening came up suddenly, and although it's a good opportunity for me, I hadn't planned for it. I have a vacation planned at the end of May and I've already bought the plane tickets. I'd be out \$600 if I didn't go. Is there any way I can bring this up with my potential employer, or should I just write off the vacation?

Wait until they have an offer ready. When that happens, you tell them that you have a long-ago planned vacation with tickets already purchased.

Tell them that you would still like to take it, if that's possible. They will probably tell you to have a good time. If not, then yes, it's probably suck-it-up time. This happens all the time.

I work for a large university and am looking to move into a position within the school that pays more. At what point, after a department makes me an offer, do I ask about salary? With my current job, they called me to offer me the job, and when I came into the office to sign the offer letter, the salary was stated. This time, I don't want to wait until I'm sitting down to sign the letter. How do I ask about salary without sounding like money is my only interest?

Say, "That's great, I really want this job. But first, can we discuss salary? I've thought about this, and I need to earn at least X, because [fill in your reasons]."

Phones ring at work, of course. But when people's cell phones ring, the obnoxious ring tones drive me crazy, especially when the person in question is away from their desk and the phone rings and rings and rings. Is it out of line (or just plain pernickety) to ask someone to switch to a more subtle ring tone while in the office?

I think that's a smart thing to do. Just kindly ask that they either put it on vibrate or take it with them when they step away, because it's distracting. A lot of people are catching on it's bad form to have a loud, obnoxious ring. However, they're not going to catch on if you don't say something.

My boss is a shady character. This morning he asked me to discon

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nect his computer and put it into his truck. He is the type of person whom you say yes to, or you say no and get fired. So I said yes. But now I am rethinking his request. There are security cameras all over the place that will record me carting a PC out of the building. He has gotten people in serious trouble before (fired, etc.), and I have a feeling this is a big one. So, I've got to figure out a way to not do this, but at the same time make it seem like I didn't deliberately disobey his order. Help!

Tell him that you're concerned, and why. And hope that he fixes it himself. Then look for a new job. No one wants to work for a shady character.

I work for a large telecom company. The problem is I accepted a new position within the company that was a promotion. It's a decision I've regretted ever since. The team has a ridiculously high turnover rate due to the manager and director. The nature of the job is stressful enough (we work week-ends frequently with no compensation), but then to have a management that does not support us makes it unbearable. I'm basically stuck here though, because the company paid for graduate school and if I leave before May 2007 I'm on the hook for \$20,000. What are your suggestions on dealing with this difficult situation?

My thoughts: Remember that there is a better place to work out there. Every day, do one little thing that will get you to that better place. Put a call out to a contact. Update your resume. Call your alumni center for contacts in your area.

When you realize this job isn't your life — even though it seems like it — that might help you get yourself into work in the mornings. If there is any glimmer of anything good about this job, focus on that. And remember that the end is near.

Next week will be my last day at my current job, since I'm about to give birth to a baby girl. I am not coming back to this job because I will be moving in October. Therefore, I will have the entire summer off. I'm concerned that this lapse on my resume when I apply for jobs in my new location will be a red flag. Do you think future employers will toss my resume aside when they see that my last job ended

in April and they are looking at it in September/October? Should I address the fact that I was a new mother during that time period? Thanks for your advice!

If every potential employer tossed a resume with a break on it, they'd be without new hires. I would just leave it blank for now and when someone calls you, they might ask what you've been up to. That's when you say you had a baby and were on maternity leave.

I am about to give my two-week notice. I'm taking another job with a better commute, better title and slightly better pay. I like the current job, and I love my boss. I think she will be disappointed I'm leaving, and I am very nervous to tell her. Please talk me off this ledge. What do I say? I have to tell her in 30 minutes. Thanks.

Remember why you're taking this new job. New, better opportunities. Growth. A change. Then remember your boss has gone through the same thing when she moved on from previous jobs. This won't be the first time one of her employees said they were leaving and won't be the last.

Make sure to thank her for the great opportunities. Tell her how much you liked it and loved working for her. And explain that this was just something you couldn't pass up. And remember that even if she doesn't take it well, you still have a new good situation waiting for you.

I have a question about how much notice to give. I currently work for the federal government, and have been in this position for six years. I am moving out the area this summer, and am a bit conflicted about how much notice to give. The leaving is a definite, as we have a house under construction in another part of the country.

Since you don't know when you're moving, wait until you have a solid date. It's nice to give at least two weeks, but if you want to or are comfortable giving more, then you should.

I'd like some advice on how to deal with a co-worker who is frequently grouchy and with whom I work closely. She and I are part of a projects team, and we report directly to the company president. We of equal rank, though from differ-

ent fields, and must peer-review all our work. This woman is superb at what she does and very hard-working. But a lot of the time she is either snappish or withdrawn. She never actually comes out and says, "You're stupid" or "I'm the only competent person around here," but her irritation seems evident from her body language — scowling, hunching her shoulders, rolling her eyes, sighing loudly, or having an edge to her voice.

Since you know it's not just you, and since she's doing good work and I assume helping in her peer reviews, I'd do what I could to look at her in the eye when she's saying something jerky, then get back to work.

If it gets to the point where her sighs and eye-rolls are impacting your work, you should probably call her on it. In a non-wimpy voice, say, "Did I do something to upset you?" Make her give you a real answer. See what happens and go from there.

I applied for a job at my company within my division (it would have been a promotion, but not a huge jump). I had a great interview, and the hiring manager seemed very enthusiastic. But later the hiring manager told me that I was not a finalist. Apparently the head of our division decided this. Is it appropriate to go to my division head and ask why I wasn't a finalist, and what can I do to improve my chances of advancement?

Yes, time to talk to the head of the division. It might be that they need you where you are. But it will be good and is important to get the real answer. You need to know where you stand and if you have a future there.

I am a mid-30s professional woman working her way up in the world. As I get more responsibility and more duties, I find that men tend to be more ineffective and slow me down. I'm not male-bashing, but it's becoming increasingly annoying working with men who are mediocre in the workplace but have achieved status and position. Have you encountered this issue?

There will always be people who you wonder how they got promoted to where they are.

But I do think there are those more — ahem — traditional companies that still naturally look to the men to move up.

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